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OF
WISCONSIN

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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State of Wisconsin
Executive Depart
June 10th 1848

Hon: I. P. Walker
Madison

D. Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith; your credentials as Senator Elect to represent this State in the Senate of the United States.

I trust the people of this State will find their just expectations fully realized in the result of your elevation to this high station, and that your friends can with pride say there is a Senator of Wisconsin

It is with true satisfaction, that my position enables me to transmit the evidence of your official Character to you

I am with much respect
Your Obt. Servt.
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
June 10th 1848

Hon Henry Dodge
Madison

D. Sir

Herewith I transmit to you the evidence of your election by the Legislature of this State as a Senator in the Senate of the United States

It must be gratifying to the people of Wisconsin that her Representatives have placed the advocacy of her interests at the federal government in the hands of those who so well know their wants and who have the will and ability to demand and advocate them

I transmit the enclosed with pleasure

With much respect
I am Sir
Your Obt. Servt
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison June 10th 1848

Cyrus Woodman Esq
Mineral Point

Dr Sir,

In reply to your note of the 9th inst I have to inform you that the 9th Section of article 13 of the Constitution of this State takes away the power of this Department to appoint Notaries Public. I should with pleasure comply with your request had I the legal power

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison June 10th 1848

John Van Buren Esqr
New York City

Sir

In reply to your request to appoint T. Bary Dallicot a Commissioner of Deeds for the State of Wisconsin in the State of New York, I have the honor to inform you, that the laws of this State make no provision for the appointment of such an officer

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Depart
Madison June 10th 18

George H. Walker Esq
Milwaukee

Dr Sir

Upon an examination of the 9th Sect of the 13th Article of the Constitution, it will be found that the power of this Department to appoint Notaries Public is taken away. This section provides "all County officers whose election or appointment is not provided for by this constitution shall be elected by the electors of the respective Counties, or appointed by the boards of Supervisors or other County authorities as the Legislature shall direct". This office being clearly a County office, comes within the provision of the Constitution referred to and destroys the power of the Executive to appoint these officers.

I address you this explanation to advise you of the reason why your father George R Walker Esq is not commissioned for the office of Notary Public of Milwaukee County as you requested

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt.
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison June 10th 1848

Charles Danforth Esq
Leroy, Genesee Co. N. Y.

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 24th ultimo requesting the appointment of Commissioners of Deeds for this State in the State of New York, I have the honor to inform you that the laws of this State do not authorize the appointment of any such officer

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison June 13. 1848

Thomas B. Oakley Esqr
New York City

Sir,

In reply to your note of the 29th May last, to be appointed a Commissioner to take the acknowledgement of papers to be recorded in Wisconsin — I have the honor to inform you that the Executive of this State, is not authorized by the laws of Wisconsin to make any such appointment

You will please give my regards to Mr Bronson

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
June 15th 1848

Isaac P. Walker Esqr

Sir,

Your resignation of the Office of Judge of Probate of Milwaukee County is received and accepted

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
June 15th 1848

Col Milo Jones
Fort Atkinson

Sir,

Your letter of the 12th inst is received, making enquiries in relation to a gun at Fort Atkinson that could be had on the 4th of July at your place

In reply I have to inform you that there is no gun at that place under the control of this Department with which your request could be complied with.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive C
Madison June 15

Hazen Cheney Esqr
Beloit

Sir,

His Excellency Governor Dewey directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, requesting an appointment as Notary Public for the County of Rock, & to inform you in reply, that no power is vested in the Executive to make the appointment you desire, otherwise your request would be complied with.

Section 9 of Article 13 of the Constitution of this State, takes from the Governor the power to make appointments for County officers

I am
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo. P. Delaplaine
Private Secretary

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison June 18. 1848

Oliver J. Ruger Esqr.

Sir,

His Excellency Governor Dewey, has directed me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst, accompanying the recommendation of the Hon. Timothy Jenkins for your appointment as a Commissioner to take acknowledgements of deeds &c, to be used in this State, & to inform you in reply, that there is as yet no power conferred upon the Executive to make the appointments you request otherwise your request would be complied with.

I am
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Geo. P. Delaplaine
Private Secretary

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison June 21. 1848

William P. Lynde Esq
Mem. of House of Representatives
in Congress of United States from this State

Sir

I have the honor herewith to transmit to you for your action copies of Resolutions this day passed by the Legislature of this State on the Subject of the extension of the institution of slavery over the Territories of the United States now free

Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison June 21. 1848

Mason C. Darling Esq
Mem. of House of Representatives in
the Congress of the United States from this State

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith, copy of Resolutions this day passed by the Legislature of this State to you for your action, on the Subject of the extension of the institution of Slavery over the Territories of the United States now free

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison June 21. 1848.

Henry Dodge Esqr
United States Senator
from this State

Sir

Herewith I have the honor to transmit to you for your action, copies of Resolutions this day passed by the Legislature of this State on the subject of the extension of the institution of Slavery over the territories of the United States now free.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison June 21. 1848

Isaac P. Walker Esqr
United States Senator
from this State

Sir

I have the honor herewith to transmit to you for your action copies of Resolutions this day passed by the Legislature of this State, on the subject of the extension of the institution of Slavery over the territories of the United States, now free

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Madison June 22d 1848.

Elizabeth Dockstader
Madam

Your letter of the 7th inst in relation to your grievances with Mr. Williams is received, and I have the honor to inform that I have no power as Governor of the State to render you the assistance you request & have no power or control over the matter.

The only place where you could get redress is in the Courts

If you have been wronged to the extent you say, you have by Mr. Williams, you had better apply to some good lawyer, who will give you such legal advice on the subject as will secure your rights & redress your wrongs

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Madison June 23. 1848

James S. Brown Esq
Attorney General Wisconsin

Sir,

Your letter of the 20th inst. containing your Official bonds as Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin in duplicate was this day received and your bonds approved by me, & they were this day by me deposited as the law directs

Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Madison June 21. 1848

Jn. Booker Esq

Sir,

Your letter of the 19th inst. I have received and in reply I have to inform you that the subject on which your letter is addressed is & will not be under the control of the Executive — I will however hand your letter to Messrs. Boyd & Long so that your claims may be before the representatives of the people who have the control of the subject.

Your Obt. Servant
Nelson Dewey

Executive Department Wisconsin
Madison June 26. 1848

Mason C. Darling Esq

Sir

I have the honor to transmit to you for your action the enclosed certified copy of a resolution entitled "Joint Resolution relative to a Military reserve at Fort Winnebago" passed this day by the Legislature of this State

I am
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Nelson Dewey

Executive Dept. State of Wisconsin
Madison June 26 1848

William Pitt Lynde Esq
Representative in Congress
from Wisconsin

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you for your action the enclosed certified copy of a resolution entitled "Joint Resolution relative to a Military reserve at Fort Winnebago" passed this day by the Legislature of this State

I am
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison June 26. 1848

Henry Dodge Esquire
U.S. Senator for
Wisconsin

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you for your action, the enclosed certified copy of a resolution entitled "Joint Resolution relative to a Military reserve at Fort Winnebago" passed this day by the Legislature of this State

I am
Very respectfully &c
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison June 26. 1848

Isaac P. Walker Esquire
U.S. Senator for Wisconsin

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you for your action, the enclosed certified copy of a resolution entitled "Joint Resolution relative to a Military reserve at Fort Winnebago" passed at this day by the Legislature of this State

I am
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison July 11th 1848

Sir

I am directed by his Excellency Governor Dewey to acknowledge the receipt of three copies of the Laws of the State of New Jersey for the year 1848 & to inform you that he has this day forwarded to your address a copy of the Laws passed by the Legislature of the Territory of Wisconsin

I am
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Geo. P. Delaplaine
Private Secretary

His Excellency the
Governor of New Jersey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Depart
Madison July 11.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency Gov. Dewey to acknowledge the receipt of one Copy each of the Laws & Journals of the Senate & Assembly of the State of Iowa for the year 1848, and to inform you that he has this day mailed to your address a copy of the Laws passed by the last session of the Legislature of Wisconsin Territory

I am
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo: P. Delaplaine
Private Secretary

His Excellency
Ansel Briggs
Governor of Iowa

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison July 11 1848

Sir

His Excellency Governor Dewey instructs me to acknowledge the receipt of 1 Vol Laws of Ohio 46th Assembly & Vol 16 Supreme Court reports, & to inform you, that he has this day ordered to be mailed to your address 1 Vol Laws of the last Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin - The Laws & Journals of the State Legislature now in Session, will as soon as published, be forwarded to you

I am
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo: P. Delaplaine
Private Secretary

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
July 20th 1848

Hon Henry Dodge
United States Senator

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith enclosed a certified copy of a resolution entitled "Joint resolution relative to the improvement of the harbors upon the Western Shore of Lake Michigan" passed this day by the Legislature of this State

I am Very respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
July 20th 1848

I. P. Walker Esqr
United States Senator

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith enclosed, a certified copy of a resolution entitled "Joint resolution relative to the improvement of the harbors upon the Western Shore of Lake Michigan" passed this day by the Legislature of this State

I am Very respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
July 20. 1848

W. P. Lynde Esqr
Representative in Congress
for Wisconsin

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith enclosed, a certified copy of a resolution entitled "Joint resolution relative to the improvement of the harbors upon the Western Shore of Lake Michigan" passed this day by the Legislature of this State

I am
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Depar
July 20th 1

Mason C. Darling Esq
Representative in Congress
for Wisconsin

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith enclosed, a certified copy of a resolution entitled "Joint resolution relative to the improvement of the harbors upon the Western Shore of Lake Michigan passed this day by the Legislature of this State

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin Ex: Department
July 20th 1848

To the Speaker of the House
of Representatives of the
United States

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith enclosed, a certified copy of a resolution entitled "Joint resolution relative to the improvement of the harbors upon the Western Shore of Lake Michigan" passed by the Legislature of this State on this day

I am with high respect
Your Obt Servant
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin, Ex: Department
July 20th 1848

George M. Dallas Esq
Vice President of the U. States
and President of the U.S. Senate

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith enclosed, a certified copy of a resolution entitled "Joint resolution relative to the improvement of the harbors upon the Western Shore of Lake Michigan" passed by the Legislature of this State on this day.

I am with high respect
Your Obt Servt
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
July 24. 1848

Capt. Hyram Knowlton
U.S.A. Commanding Fort Crawford

Sir,

I have been informed from a reliable source that there are parties of Winnebago Indians in the neighbourhood of Watertown in Jefferson County in this State about thirty miles east of this place, to the number of thirty indians and upwards. They are prowling about the Country in that vicinity and have become quite troublesome to the people. They steal and kill the stock of the inhabitants and are otherwise annoying to them although I am not informed that they have committed any personal violence to the inhabitants.

At the request of the inhabitants troubled with these Indians I earnestly solicit the interposition of yourself or of the proper Government Officer charged with the removal of these indians to their new home west of the Mississippi to effect the removal of them from this State at the earliest possible convenience of the government officers

Serious difficulties may be the result between the inhabitants and these indians if their removal is unnecessarily delayed.

If Capt. Knowlton is not the proper Government Officer to effect the object of this communication he will have the goodness to hand it to the officer who has such power and solicit his early attention to the subject.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Nelson Dewey

P.S. I am told that a small party of troops will be sufficient as my informant said that they were willing to go with him if he would furnish rations &c. If a Corps is sent it would be advisable to pass through this place and report to Capt. James Rogan (privately) at Watertown before the Indians can learn that they are sent for by the troops as they dislike the soldiers & may hide themselves

N.D.

State of Wisconsin
Executive Depmt
Madison July 25 1848

His Excellency
George N. Briggs
Governor of Massachusetts

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency Governor Dewey, to acknowledge the receipt of three Vols Acts and resolves Commonwealth Mass: of 1848.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Geo. P. Delaplaine
Priv. Secretary

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison July 27. 1848

Messrs Cole & Biddlecome

Gents.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst covering duplicate Certificates of purchase of Out lot 163. 164. 189. 190. 191 & 194 upon which you wish a Patent

Referring to the Patents filled out by the late Executive Gov. Dodge. I find that out lots 132 133. 156. 157. 165 are also included & you will therefore please forward them, and the Patent shall be immediately transmitted to you

I am
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
July 24, 1848

Robert Hunt
Oswego Ill

Sir

Your letter of the 18th inst. by W. O. Parker on your behalf proposing to sell to this State a wrought Iron Cannon" is received and in reply I have to inform you that on behalf of the State I must decline accepting your proposition

Respectfully Yours
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
August 7, 1848

To Stephen Hood Esq
La Fayette County

Sir,

Relying upon your integrity, Capacity and [illegible], I herewith tender you an appointment as a Commissioner to locate a portion of the lands granted to Wisconsin by an act of Congress entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of public lands and to grant pre-emption rights" Approved Sept. 4th 1841.

Accompanying the Commission are printed instructions to guide you in the performance of the duty assigned you, to which your attention is directed.

Upon the receipt and acceptance of the appointment you will comply, subscribe to the enclosed oath of office, and forward the same to this Department, and you will immediately notify me of your acceptance or declination of this appointment — and in case you decline, return the Commission immediately to this Office

You are directed to make the most Speedy locations of the lands possible, and will make none but the most Choice locations

Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Depart
August 7. 18

To James Giddings Esq
Dodge County

Sir,

Relying upon your integrity, capacity and promptness, I herewith tender you an appointment as a Commissioner to locate a portion of the lands granted by Congress to Wisconsin by an act of Congress entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of public lands and to grant pre emption rights" approved Sept 4th 1848.

Accompanying the Commission are printed instructions to guide you in the performance of the duty assigned you, to which your attention is directed.

Upon the receipt and acceptance of the appointment you will subscribe to the enclosed Oath of office, and forward the same to this Department, and you will immediately notify me of your acceptance or declination of this appointment. in case you decline return the Commission immediately to this Office.

You are directed to make the most speedy locations of the lands possible, and will make none but the most choice locations.

Yours very respectfully
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
August 7. 1848

To
Timothy Burns Esq
Iowa County

Sir

Relying upon your integrity, capacity and promptness, I herewith tender you an appointment as a Commissioner to locate a portion of the lands granted to Wisconsin by an Act of Congress entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the Sales of public Lands and to grant "preemption rights" Approved Sep. 4th 1841

Accompanying the Commission are printed instructions to guide you in the performance of the duty assigned you, to which your attention is directed

Upon the receipt and acceptance of the appointment, you will subscribe to the enclosed Oath of Office, and forward the same to this Department, and you will immediately notify me of your acceptance or declination of this Appointment — & in case you decline, return the Commission immediately to this Office

You are directed to make the most speedy locations of the lands possible, and will make none but the most choice locations

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Departm
August 7. 184

To
Joseph Atherton Esq
Crawford County

Sir,

Relying upon your integrity, Capacity and promptness, I herewith tender you an appointment as a Commissioner to locate a portion of the lands granted to Wisconsin by an act of Congress entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of public lands and to grant pre-emption rights" Approved Sept. 4th 1841.

Accompanying the Commission are printed instructions to guide you in the performance of the duty assigned you, to which your attention is directed.

Upon the receipt and acceptance of the appointment, you will subscribe to the enclosed Oath of Office, and forward the same to this Department, and you will immediately notify me of your acceptance or declination of this appointment, & in case you decline, return the Commission immediately to this Office.

You are directed to make the most speedy locations of the lands possible, and will make none but the most choice locations.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
August 7th 1848

To
Martin M Flint Esq
Sheboygan County

Sir

Relying upon your integrity, capacity and promptitude I herewith tender you an appointment as a Commissioner to Locate a portion of the lands granted to Wisconsin by an act of Congress entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of public lands and to grant pre-emption rights" Approved Sept. 4th 1841

Accompanying the Commission are printed instructions, to guide you in the performance of the duty assigned you to which your attention is directed

Upon the receipt and acceptance of the appointment you will subscribe to the enclosed Oath of Office, and forward the same to this Department, and you will immediately notify me of your acceptance or declination of this appointment and in case you decline, immediately return the Commission to this Office

You are directed to make the most speedy locations of the lands possible; and will make none but the most choice locations

Yours Very respectfully
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Dept
August 9th

To Tubal Field Esq.
Brown County

Sir,

Relying upon your integrity, Capacity and promptness, I herewith tender you an appointment as a Commissioner to locate a portion of the lands granted to Wisconsin, by an act of Congress entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the Sales of public lands and to grant pre-emption rights" Approved Sept 4th 1841

Accompanying the Commission are printed instructions, to guide you in the performance of the duty assigned you, to which your attention is directed

Upon the receipt and acceptance of the appointment you will subscribe to the enclosed Oath of Office and forward the same to this Department and you will immediately notify me of your acceptance or declination of the appointment — in case you decline, immediately return this Commission to this Office

You are directed to make the most speedy locations of the lands possible and will make none but the most Choice locations

Yours very respectfully
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison Aug. 8. 1848

To
Timothy Burns. William Hood
and Joseph Atkinson Esquires
Commissioners to locate
Lands in the Wisconsin
Land District

Sirs

The form of the plats, mentioned in the instructions of your Commissions, was by mistake omitted, which is herewith forwarded.

To prevent any doubt as to the quantity of lands to be located by you in the Wisconsin Land District in the aggregate, I have to instruct you, that the quantity to be located by you all, in said Land District, is not to exceed in the whole 90000 acres, and those locations to be of the first quality.

You will have the goodness in your first monthly report to this Department to inform me of about the quantity in acres of the first quality of lands that can be located for the State, in your land District, and what length of time it will require to make the locations of the quantity above mentioned.

Very respectfully
Yours &c
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin.
Executive Depart
August 8. 18

To
James Giddings, Reuben
Field and Martin M Flint Esquires
Commissioners to locate
lands in the Green Bay
Land District

Sirs,

The form of the plats, mentioned in the instructions of your commissions was by mistake omitted, which is herewith forwarded

To prevent any doubt as to the quantity of lands to be located by you in the Green Bay land District in the aggregate, I have to instruct you that the quantity to be located by you all, in said land District, is not to exceed in the whole 110.000 acres, and those locations to be of the first quality

You will have the goodness in your first monthly report to this Department to inform me of about the quantity in acres of the first quality of land that can be located for the State in your land District and what length of time it will require to make the locations of the quantity above mentioned to be located by you

Very respectfully
Your Ob Servt
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
August 7. 1848

To
Ernst F. Wurtzberg
Washington County

Sir

Relying upon your integrity, capacity and promptness, I herewith tender you an appointment as Commissioner to locate a portion of the lands granted to Wisconsin by an act of Congress entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the sale of the public lands and to grant pre-emption rights" Approved Sept 4th 1841

Accompanying the Commission are printed instructions to guide you in the performance of the duty assigned you, to which your attention is directed.

Upon the receipt and acceptance of the appointment you will subscribe to the enclosed oath of office, and forward the same to this Department; and you will immediately notify me of your acceptance or declination of this appointment & in case you decline, return the Commission immediately to this Office

You are directed to make the most speedy locations of the lands possible, and will make none but the most Choice locations

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Nelson Dewey

P.S. In your first monthly report to this Department - You will inform me the probable amount of lands of the first class that can be located in your Land District and the probable length of time you will be occupied in locating the 30000 acres

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison August 14th

Sir

Herewith I transmit you a certificate of Election as one of the Board of Public Works for the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers

This place and the first Monday of September next is fixed as the time & place of the first meeting of said Board

Respectfully &c
Nelson Dewey

To
A. L. Story
Sheboyagan
Wisconsin

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison August 14. 1848

Sir,

Herewith I transmit you a certificate of election as one of the Board of Public Works for the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers

This place, and the first Monday of September next is fixed as the time and place of the first meeting of the Board

Respectfully Yours &c
Nelson Dewey

To
John A Bingham Esq
Green County Wisconsin

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison August 14. 1848

Sir

Herewith I transmit you a certificate of election as one of the Board of Public Works for the improvement of the Fox & Wisconsin Rivers
and the

This place and the first Monday of September next is fixed as the time and place of the first meeting of the Board

Respectfully Yours &c
Nelson Dewey

To
Curtis Reed
Neenah
Winnebago Co
Wisconsin

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison August 4. 1848

Dr Sir

Herewith I transmit you a certificate of Election as one of the Board of Public Works for the improvement of the Fox & Wisconsin Rivers

This place and the first Monday of September next is fixed as the time and place of the first meeting of the Board

Respectfully Yours &c
Nelson Dewey

To
James B. Estes Commr &c
Franklin Iowa Co
Wisconsin

State of Wisconsin
Executive Depart
August 14. 1

Dr Sir

Herewith I transmit your certificate of election as one of the Board of Public Works for the improvement of the Fox & Wisconsin Rivers

This place and the 1st Monday of September is fixed as the time and place of the first meeting of the Board

Respectfully Your
Obedient Servt
Nelson Dewey

To
Hercules L Dousman
Prairie du Chien
Wisconsin

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
August 23 1848

Mr. Wm Hempstead
Galena Ill

Sir

Your letter of the 23d ultimo apprising me of the receipt of six boxes of arms for this State was recd some weeks since

I have to request you to forward the amount of your charges and also the triplicate (blank) receipts and I will execute them and send an order with the receipts for the arms

Please reply by return mail

Respectfully
Yours
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
September 1st 1848

To John C. Gilman Esq.

Sir,

Relying upon your integrity, capacity and promptness, I herewith tender you an appointment as a Commissioner to locate a portion of the lands granted to Wisconsin by an Act of Congress entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of public lands, and to grant pre-emption rights" Approved September 4th 1841

Accompanying the Commission are printed instructions to guide you in the performance of the duty assigned you to which your attention is directed

Upon the receipt and acceptance of this appointment you will subscribe to the enclosed oath of Office, and forward the same to this Department, and you will immediately notify me of your acceptance or declination of this appointment, in case you decline, immediately return this Commission to this Office

You are directed to make the most speedy locations of the lands possible and will make none but the most choice locations

Very respectfully Your Obt Servt
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison August 22d 1848

Sir

The Legislature of this State having instructed this Department to open a correspondence with different persons of the State for the purpose of ascertaining the most eligible location for the erection of a State Penitentiary and for obtaining such other information in relation to the location and construction of a Penitentiary as may be useful in establishing such an institution for the State, I have taken the liberty of addressing you this occasion and of requesting you to communicate, to this department, at your earliest convenience, such information generally, upon the subject as you possess; and particularly the advantages which the County and section of Country in which you reside present for the erection of a State Prison

Upon the following points definite information is solicited
The facilities for procuring good stone, lumber and materials necessary for building at any given point specifying the location.

The character of any given location for health, the fer[illegible] of its soil and the surrounding country, its principal products, its mineral resources, its commercial and manufacturing advantages, its water powers and what effect such an institution would have upon the mechanical and other business of its people.

And in what branch of mechanical or other industrial pursuit the convicts of a State Prison can be employed, and be of the most benefit and profit to the State, and at the same time produce the least injury to the rising industry of the country in any given location

And also your opinion of the most suitable location in the State for this institution

Generally you are requested to communicate any and all important facts and information having a bearing upon the subject

Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Nelson Dewey.

Letters of which the foregoing is an exact copy were addressed to the following individuals

Charles H Larrabee	Dodge County
Hiram Barber	
Wm M. Dennis	
Henry Allen	Washington Co
Benjamin H Moores	
C. L Lancaster	Iowa Co
Henry Merrill	Columbia Co
Mason C. Darling	Fond du lac Co.
Samuel W. Beall	
E. Estabrook	Walworth Co
E V. Whiton	Rock Co.
Andrew Palmer	
Chas. Dunn	La Fayette Co
John H Rountree	Grant Co.
Edward Pratt	Sauk Co.
John Y. Smith	Dane Co.
Philo White	Racine Co
C. Latham Sholes	
Byron Kilbourn	Milwaukee
Joseph Turner	Waukesha

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison Sept 26 1848

Gentlemen. Governor Dewey directs me to inform you that he has this day appointed [illegible] Commissioner, [illegible] Potter of Albion in Dane County an appraiser of the School lands to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Huntington. Mr Potter's commission has been transmitted to him by mail.

Yours &c

To Messrs [illegible] &c
Commissioners Appraisers &c } Geo. P. Delaplaine
Private Secretary

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison Sept 29. 1848

R. M. Young Esqr
Commr Genl Land Office
Washington

Sir

By the 3d Clause of Section Seven of an act of Congress entitled "An act to enable the people of Wisconsin Territory to form a Constitution and State Government and for the admission of such State into the Union" approved August 6. 1846. ten entire sections of land are granted to this State for the purpose of completing the public buildings of the said State, or for the erection of others at the seat of Government under the direction of the Legislature thereof. The Legislature of this State by a law approved Aug 29 1848 have authorized the Governor to appoint a Commissioner to locate the said lands, & I have therefore to request that you will direct the Registers of the Land offices at Milwaukee & Mineral Point to reserve from sale any lands that may be selected by such Commissioner in conformity with the provisions of said act of Congress

I am
with much respect
Your obt Servt
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Oct. 1. 1848

Martin M. Flint Esq

Sir

Your letter of the 29th ultimo addressed to Governor Dewey resigning the appointment as Commissioner to locate the School and other Lands &c was received last evening & has been transmitted to the Governor at his residence in Lancaster

I am
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo R. [illegible]
Private Secretary

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Oct 13. 1848

Hon H. M. Billings

Sir

Enclosed you will receive an appointment for Mr. Aiken whom you recommended for the office of Appraiser of the School Lands. The residence of the individual being unknown to me, you will please see that the Commission is forwarded to him; and I also enclose herewith Warrant No 78. in your favor for 156$ as you requested

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison Oct 13. 1848

Messrs
Jerome Yates &
James Giddings
Commisrs to select
& locate School lands &c
for Wisconsin

Gentlemen

Your general reports made to this department & dated the 23rd ultimo, with accompanying letters are received.

The time allowed you as specified in your Commn. I have thought proper to extend & I have again to urge upon you the necessity of completing your selections at the earliest (period) possible, & you will continue to report to this Department your progress in the duties of your Commission

The resignation of Martin M. Flint Esqr one of your board has been recd. and accepted, & I have to request that you will inform me, if at this time the interests of the State would, in your opinion be materially advanced, by the appointment of another Commissioner to fill the vacancy

Very respectfully
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison November 25
1848

To

John A Bingham Esquire

Sir

You are hereby appointed by me a Special Messenger to deliver to Samuel H Nichols Esquire, of Green County of this State his certificate of Election as one of the Electors of President and Vice President of the United States for this State, which certificate you will deliver to him in person and take his receipt for the same & forward it to me at this place. You will deliver the Certificate to Mr. Nichols within three days from this time.

Respectfully
Yours &c
Nelson Dewey

By the Governor

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison Novr 25, 1848

To

John Catlin Esq.

Sir

You are hereby appointed by me a Special Messenger to deliver to Wm Huebschmann Esquire of Milwaukee in this State, his certificate of Election as one of the Electors of President and Vice President of the United States for this State, which certificate you will deliver to him in person and take his receipt for the same and forward it to me at this place.

You will deliver the Certificate to Mr. Huebschmann within four days from this date

Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Nelson Dewey

By the Governor

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison Nov. 25 1848

To
W. A. Johnson Esq.

Sir

You are hereby appointed by me a Special Messenger to deliver to William Dinwiddie Esquire of La Fayette County in this State his certificate of Election as one of the Electors of President and Vice President of the United States for this State; which Certificate you will deliver to him in person, take his receipt therefor & forward the same to me at this place. You will deliver the Certificate to Mr. Dinwiddie within four days from this date.

Respectfully
Yours &c
By the Governor
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison Nov 25th 1848

To Geo. P. Delaplaine Esq.

Sir

You are hereby appointed by me a Special Messenger to deliver to David C. Mapes Esq. of Fond du Lac County in this State his certificate of Election as one of the Electors of President and Vice President of the United States for this State; which certificate you will deliver to him in person within six days from the date hereof

Respectfully
Yours &c
By the Governor
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison Nov 25 18[illegible]

Samuel H Nichols, Esquire

Sir

Herewith enclosed transmitted to you, by the hand of John A Bingham, Esquire a certificate of your election as one of the State electors for President and Vice President of the United States.
It is expected that you will meet at the Capitol upon the day therein designated, to cast your vote for the offices mentioned, as the laws of Congress require the State Electors to vote in their official capacity on that day.

Very respectfully
Your Ob't Serv't
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison Novr 20th 1848

William J Crichman Esq

Sir

Herewith enclosed transmitted to you by the hand of John Catlin Esquire a certificate of your Election as one of the State Electors for President & Vice President of the United States.
It is expected that you will meet at the Capitol upon the day therein designated to cast your vote for the Officers mentioned as the laws of Congress require the State electors to vote in their official capacity on that day.

Very respectfully &c
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison Nov. 25 1848

To William Dinwiddie Esq.

Sir

Herewith enclosed I transmit to you by the hand of H. N. Johnson Esq. a Certificate of your Election as one of the State electors for President and Vice President of the United States. It is expected that you will meet at the Capitol upon the day therein designated to cast your vote for the offices mentioned, as the laws of Congress require the State electors to vote in their Official Capacity on the day named.

Very respectfully &c.
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison Nov. 25th 1848

To
David P Mapes Esq.

Sir

Herewith enclosed I transmit to you by the hand of George P. Delaplaine Esq, a Certificate of your Election as one of the State electors for President and Vice President of the United States. It is expected that you will meet at the Capitol upon the day therein designated to cast your vote for the offices mentioned, as the laws of Congress require the State Electors to vote in their Official Capacity on the day mentioned.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt. &c.
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison November 28. 1848

Messrs. Jerome Yates and
James Giddings

Gents,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communications under date of November 14. 1848 about two weeks since at Lancaster and have delayed replying until my arrival at this place.

In answer to your communication relative to my draft on the Treasurer for liquidation of the amount of your services. I have to inform you that I have not the power to settle the amount for your services and no other officer of the State Government can do so and the reason is that the Legislature has made no appropriation for the payment of your services and consequently no money can be drawn from the Treasury until the Legislature makes an appropriation to pay you for your services your accounts cannot be audited and paid.

I wish you to locate the amount of 50 000 acres in the Green Bay Land District as soon as practicable if good selections can be made, and if it can be done at this season of the year in the winter weather without greatly increasing the expense of locating over the expense of locating in more favorable weather. Can as good selections be made with the same facility & expense in the winter when snow is on the ground as in those seasons of the year when the country is not covered with snow? If good locations can be made with the same facility and certainty in there quantity at this season as they can be in the summer & fall then I would like to have you make locations to the amount of 150 000 acres if that amount of first rate lands can be found in the Green Bay Land District. I have just received instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Washington that the even numbered Sections within the limits of the Fox & Wisconsin River Grant can be selected as a part of the 500,000 acres the same as any other public lands of the United States. You will therefore make selections from the limits of that grant of the even numbered Sections the same as other public lands of the United States if there are any good locations to be made.

You will please advise me on the subject of your employment and whether you can locate the quantity last mentioned & if the amount can be located in that Land District of 1st quality

Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Madison Wisconsin
Nov. 24th 1848

Richard M. Young
Commr of General Land Office
Washington

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst [illegible] a designation of the Fox & Wisconsin river grant.

Respectfully
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison June 13. 1849

Mason C. Darling
Representative in Congress
from this State

I have this day forwarded to the President for his approval through the Commr of the General Land Office a schedule of lands selected by me as a part of the grant for the Fox & Wisconsin River improvement. I have to request you to secure as early as possible the action of the President & Commissioner on this and other subjects connected with the matter contained the same letter to the Commr.

The interest of the work requires speedy action on the part of the government on these subjects as the location of these lands has been too long delayed and I am assured that the interest you feel in the progress of this improvement will secure your interposition in its behalf. I have also to call your attention officially to Resolutions passed by the Legislature at its last session asking Congress to grant to the State the military reserve at Fort Winnebago, and also to modify the grant made by Congress by act of August 6. 1846 of all salt springs within this State not exceeding twelve in number and the land adjoining thereto.

I trust you, with the other representatives of this State, will endeavour to secure the action of Congress favorable to the prayer of the Resolutions. Your reply is requested to this communication.

Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Madison Wisconsin
January 13th 1849

Wm P. Lynde
Representative in Congress
from this State

I have to call your attention officially to Resolutions passed by the Legislature at its last session asking Congress to grant to the State the Military reserve at Fort Winnebago, and also asking Congress to modify the reserve made by Congress by an act of August 1846 of all Salt Springs within this State not exceeding twelve in number and the land adjoining. I trust you with the other representatives of this State will endeavour to secure the action of Congress favorable to the prayer of the Resolutions.

Nelson Dewey

Note: A copy of the foregoing letter was addressed to Senators I. P. Walker & Henry Dodge at Washington at the same time.

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison January 18th 1849

Albert G. Ellis
United States Indian Agent
Green Bay, Wisconsin

I have received the petition of sundry inhabitants of Columbia County & vicinity stating that numerous families of the Menomonee, Winnebago & Pottawatomie tribes of Indians are committing various depredations and trespass upon the inhabitants of that County and causing much alarm to them for their personal security as well as for their property. Having no control over them myself and they being only subject to the civil laws & the officers of the general government, I have thought it the most prudent course to call your interposition attention to the matter and to solicit your interposition to effect their removal, which I have no doubt, you will do. These Indians by the laws of Congress have no right to remain among the whites where the lands have been ceded and the time of their occupancy has expired. The only relief for our Citizens in such case is the court [illegible] which is sufficient, or the United government or its officers

Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison Jan 17. 1849

[illegible] Esq
Prairie du Chien

I am directed by Governor Dewey to request you to furnish to this department at your earliest convenience your account for services rendered as a Commissioner to locate lands for the State. [illegible] this account is received no appropriation can be made [illegible].

Enclosed you will find the [illegible] you [illegible] and [illegible] this office, upon the result of which your account will be laid before the Legislature by the Executive [illegible] appropriation [illegible] this time.

Geo. P. Delaplaine
Private Secretary

Executive Department
Madison January 26th 1849

Richard P. Derickson
Grafton Wisconsin

Your bond as Notary Public is received but before you can act as such officer you must file with the Governor an oath of office which the law requires of which you will take notice

Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin Executive Depart.
Madison June 28. 1848.

Messrs John White Register and
David Merrill Receiver of the
Milwaukee and Rock River Canal lands &c, Milwaukee

Gentlemen

Your official reports as Canal Officers of sales of Canal lands, and of receipts arising therefrom and from Mortgages held by the State on Canal lands sold on a credit, are due this Department under the law of the Legislature passed in 1846, & the laws amendatory thereto.

Your reports are required for the use of the Legislature and it does not appear that any sufficient cause exists why the duty imposed on you by the law, in this respect has not been complied with.

The last report made by you to the late Governor of the Territory was at the request of Wm. H. Brown Esq. withdrawn for the purpose of having some corrections of errors made that he informed me existed in it. Your return of this report corrected and also your reports due to this department on the first of March & June of this year it is expected will be made immediately to this Office.

I thought proper to call your attention to this matter and to urge upon you a prompt compliance of the law.

Very respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
Nelson Dewey

Confidential

State of Wisconsin Executive Department
Madison July 10th 1848

James S. Brown Esq.
Attorney General of
Wisconsin

Dear Sir

I wish you to inform me confidentially as Attorney General of this State of the circumstances pecuniarily of the following gentlemen residents of your County. I wish to know what they are worth over their liabilities & whether they are worth freeholders to what amount.

This is written to you officially and confidentially and your reply will be exhibited to no one. I wish this information from sources that can be relied upon, that I may act understandingly in approving the Treasurer's bond, as I shall not approve it, until I can do so. The gentlemen to whom I refer and want information in this respect of [illegible] are H. D. Blair

A. W. Smith, L. P. Crary, J. M. Cunningham, Alex Kinney, R. A. Messinger, Harrison Reed, Cyrus W. Davis, A. R. Butler Jr. & J. E. Cameron. I trust that you will give me this information at your earliest convenience, and hope you will have no delicacy in doing so. An early reply is requested.

Yours &c.
Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison Feb 8th 1849

Henry Dodge
Senator in Congress
from Wisconsin

Sir

Herewith enclosed you will receive copy of Resolutions passed by the Legislature of this State relative to Slavery and the slave trade, which are transmitted for your action

Nelson Dewey

Note.— Copies of the above were on the 8th of February 1849 mailed to the above named Henry Dodge & to Isaac P. Walker & Wm. P. Lynde & Mason C. Darling Senators & Representatives in Congress

G. P. Delaplaine, Clerk

Executive Department
Madison February 12. 1849

J. E. Arnold

I have examined Mr. Palmer's case for a pardon in all its bearings so far as the same has been laid before me, and given it that reflection which its importance, as well to him as the public demands. My convictions upon such examination are formed reluctantly unfavorable to his application. I do not think that the reasons upon which his application is based are sufficient to justify the executive in disturbing the sentence of the law at the present time at least.

The exercise of the pardoning power, at so early a period after sentence has a tendency to bring our criminal laws into disrepute, and to make a farce of judicial sentences, and in this case it appears to me that the conviction is sustained by the evidence.

For the present I do not consider the state of his health a sufficient reason for granting his prayer.

Nelson Dewey

Madison March 1st 1849

Mr J E Arnold
Milwaukee

Your letter of the 18th ult was received some time since and it having been mislaid is the occasion of a reply being so long postponed. In reply I have to inform you that Mr Graves did address a letter on the subject of Palmers situation &c. His letter is subject to inspection in this office but I decline furnishing a copy without his consent as I was the cause of his addressing it and, with his approbation a copy will be furnished

His letter was all the evidence received on the subject except what you presented or had presented

Nelson Dewey

Mr Palmers friends are at liberty to inspect the letter here at any time N Dewey

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Madison March 10th 1849

J. E. Arnold
Milwaukie

Your letter of the 6th instant requesting a copy of your letter of the 18th of February last was received on yesterday and herewith you find the copy requested

Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison March 19. 1849

Frederick Brown Esq
Register of the
State Land Office
Oshkosh
Wisconsin

Sir

Herewith you will receive a copy of the "Description of the selected lands in the odd Sections of the Fox & Wisconsin river improvement grant under act of August 1846. as received from the Register of the U.S. Land Office at Green Bay. The approval of the President of the United States to the Selections made by the Governor of this State, as contained in the enclosed list, has not yet been received; when it comes to hand you will be immediately apprised thereof

All sales of land should be made in detached parcels, made according to the legal subdivisions of sections or their fractional parts.

Your official bond with sureties conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties pertaining to the Office of Register, has been approved & filed

Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Madison March 19. 1849

Joel S. Fisk
Register of the United States
Land Office at Green Bay, Wisconsin

I have to request you to furnish for the Fox & Wisconsin River improvement, full and complete copies of the township plats on file in your Office of all those townships which, or any part of which, come within the limits of the grant of lands made by the act of Congress of August 8th 1846 for the improvement of those Rivers. It is necessary that the copies should be exact copies of the plats on file in your Office, designating and showing the lines of fractions their numbers, the quantity of each and the length of the lines. You will also color the tracts that have been selected by the State, a list of which you forwarded me by the direction of the General Land Office. The copies should be of the same or larger size, as the plats filed in office, and should be on the same kind of paper. When completed you will fasten them together in a book form in regular order beginning with the township and range of the lowest numbers, and then enclose them in a strong envelope well secured and direct them to "Mr Jedediah Brown Register of the State Land Office at Oshkosh Wisconsin" Your bill for this service you will make out against the State on behalf of the Fox & Wisconsin River improvement and forward it to me, and I will see that it is audited by the Board of Public Works and have the account then transmitted to you, so you can draw your pay from the treasurer of that fund. Until some of these lands are sold, you will have to be a creditor of the improvement for your services &c. Your earliest performance of this service is requested.

Upon the receipt of this letter you will have the goodness to reply to it and inform me if you will comply with the requests herein contained. Your attention to this subject will confer a favor

Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Madison March 28th 1849

Jedediah Brown
Register of the State Land Office

All applications for preemption rights for any the lands belonging to the Fox and Wisconsin river grants, must be filed and made subject to such reservations as may be made by the board of public works, before the final sale, as provided by law. This matter is called to your attention to prevent any misapprehension hereafter

Nelson Dewey

Madison March 31st 1849.

Joel S. Fisk
Register &c

Since I addressed you under date of the 19th inst, on the subject of procuring certain township plats for the Fox & Wisconsin river improvement it has occurred to me that Mr. M. L. Martin procured similar ones last summer under my direction and if so any further ones would be unnecessary. If Mr. Martin has procured them, such as my letter to you calls for, I have to request you to compare them with the plats on file in your office and correct them where necessary to make them conform with your official plats & my letter and then forward them as directed in my former letter, and your bill to me as therein requested.

Mr. Martin will hand you this with plats &c. your attention will oblige

Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
March 31. 1849.

Henry Dodge

Herewith enclosed I transmit you copy of Resolutions passed by the Legislature of this State.

Nelson Dewey

Letters similar to the above were on this sent by mail to the following persons

I. P. Walker at Washington & Milwaukee
Henry Dodge at Washington & Dodgeville
William P. Lynde Milwaukee
Mason C. Darling Fond du Lac
James Duane Doty Neenah
O. Cole Potosi
Charles Durkee Southport
Millard Fillmore Washington

G. P. Delaplaine
Private Secretary

Lancaster Grant County
April 12th 1849

Hon John M. Wells
Waukesha Wisconsin

Your letter of the 4th instant is received at this place by last evening's mail and I now hasten to respond to your inquiries in relation to the bill which passed the Senate and Assembly providing for and making the Waukesha County jail the temporary State prison. I have to inform you that the bill is not a law and cannot be published as such. In order to have become a law by lapse of time in the executive's hands after having been presented to him for his action, it was necessary to have been presented to him for approval on Thursday previous to the adjournment of the Legislature which was not the case. It was not presented to me till Saturday or Sunday previous to the adjournment which, I cannot recollect now. The journal of the Assembly shows, I am informed that the bill was reported as correctly enrolled in the Assembly, by the enrolling committee on Saturday the 31st day of March last. It follows therefore that it could not have been presented for my action until that day or the following, which was Sunday.

I did not reach this bill to read it even, until some time during the day on Sunday, and I had no time to give it any examination without neglecting bills of more public and general nature which owing to the general revision of the laws, that the legislature had undertaken, & so far as their action was concerned, completed, could not be omitted.

Nearly three fifths of the Legislation of the Session was placed before me for my action and examination on Saturday and Sunday previous to the adjournment and the whole time both night and day was occupied in examining bills of the revised Statutes and other bills of a private and local nature to which no objections could exist. When I read this bill, it did not upon its face strike me favorably, and I had no time to examine into the propriety of its passage, and I could not sign it in the dark. What my action would have been on the bill, had I have been informed of all the facts and reasons in relation to the propriety of its passage I am unable to say. I withheld my approval because I did not think that the public interest would warrant me in signing it upon the information then in my possession and I had no time to acquire such information.

Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin United States
Executive Department
Milwaukee Aug 28. 1849

Mr Rev Berry
Milwaukee Wisconsin

At the request of Mr A. Henry Bielfeld of this City I reply with pleasure to the following enquiry propounded by you through Mr Bielfeld &c. "Can any number of emigrants select Wisconsin as their future home, become citizens of the United States, be entitled to all privileges accordingly, and be exempt from military duty on the plea that their religious doctrines forbid it?"

I have to inform you, that by the Constitution and laws of this State, all persons of foreign birth can select Wisconsin as their future home become citizens of the United States and be entitled to the same privileges as native born citizens of the United States in all respects.

On the subject of being "exempt from Military duty" I have to inform you that by the laws of the State all persons are exempt from the performance of Military duty who have conscientious scruples based upon religious belief and declare against the performance of such duties upon the paying a sum of money annually in lieu thereof, which is fixed by law.

I have to inform you further that all laws of this State requiring any citizen or person to perform Military duty were repealed by the legislature at its last session which takes effect on the first day of January next so that after that day no person is required by law to perform this duty. It is contrary to the spirit of our institutions to compel any citizen to perform Military duty whose religious tenets and belief forbid or prohibit them from performing such duty. A remunerating compensation fixed by law, is always accepted in lieu of it, when such duty is required. I think that your religious friends need have no fears that they will be compelled to perform Military duty in this State against their wishes in case they should select this State as their home; and if they choose they can acquire all the rights and privileges of native born Americans.

I hope this information and view of this subject will be satisfactory to you and your religious friends.

Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison June 4th 1849

Messrs Yates & Giddings
Comm^rs &c

I have just received from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, authority to locate for the Fox & Wisconsin River improvement lands in lieu of those which were sold by the Government within the limits of the Grant prior to the making of it by Congress.

I am anxious that the even numbered locations within this grant if possible should be selected for the benefit of this improvement. I have appointed the Hon. Mr. Delaplaine the Agent to make the selections for this object and I wish to have all the selections made by you within this Grant transferred from the 500,000 acre grant to the Fox and W. improvement grant if it can be done and you will render Mr. Delaplaine all the assistance in this matter in your power.

In locating for this object I am not limited to any given compact body of lands in area but locations may be made in any legal subdivisions. Good locations only will be made. The time spent by you in examining the lands within this grant will be kept separate & presented to me duly authenticated against the F & W River improvement, in case the lands so selected shall be transferred to this improvement. The time thus spent by you will be certified by me and audited by the Board of Public Works & paid by this fund.

Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Wisconsin
Madison June 4. 1849

Mason C. Darling

Upon my arrival at this place, I find that no communication has been received from the U.S. Treasury Department in relation to the Claim of the State which you had in charge for collection at Washington City for the State.

I have to request you to call the attention of the Department to the subject as was understood between you and myself when I was at your town.

You being familiar with the action of the Department on this subject and as you being the only person known to it in connection with the matter it can be brought to its attention more readily by you than by any one else.

Your attention to this subject will add to services already rec'd by the State at your hands and will oblige

Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Wisconsin
Madison June 4 1849

Messrs Story Dunn Reed &c
Board of Public Works

I have learned accidentally that Mr. Cox has refused the contract with the Board made by Mr Day as his agent for making the improvement at De Pere and is now willing to ratify Mr Day's contract with Mr. Maynard to pay him one thousand dollars to surrender his contract with the Board for making the improvement on the West side of the river at that place. I have also learned in the same manner that Mr Maynard now refuses to accept the $1000 and surrender his contract.

If such is the state of things & Mr Cox will make the improvement according to his contract with the Board, I think the interests of the improvement will warrant you in accepting his contract made locating the improvement on the east side of the river, he giving ample security to save the State harmless from all damages that would be incurred by the State in consequence of a change in the location of the improvement of not fulfilling the contract with Mr. Maynard

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Such a course would promote, in my opinion, the interests of the State and informants and equally secure Mr Maynard in all his rights upon a fair adjustment of the matter. The rights of all persons should be provided for exactly by the bonds, and the interests of the informants secured. Perhaps the East Side may make the informants. I do not know how this matter now stands but I have thrown out my views of the correct course to pursue under the circumstances, if they exist as I have stated.

If Mr Maynard's Credential is not already delivered, it would be well to withhold the delivery until you determine the matter.

I have written this in haste and confidentially to you believing that you will do what is right in the premises as I also learned that you would be called upon to act in the matter tomorrow at your meeting to be held soon

Nelson Dewey

Madison June 13. 1849
Executive Department

Messrs D H Braver,
R C Bond
Abel Bond
Whitewater Wisconsin

In reply to your letter of June 1st inst relative to a requisition on the Governor of this State by the Governor of Michigan for the apprehension of Dr Thomas P Bond, I have to inform you that no such requisition has yet been made on me and what my action will be when made I cannot tell until it is made. I shall do what the law requires me to do and nothing more

Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Green Bay May 12. 1849

Messrs Bates and Giddings
Agents of this State to
locate the 500,000 acres &c

You are hereby directed to select for the State as a part of the 500,000 acres referred to, all lands worth selecting, and subject to selection under your instructions; within the limits of the grant of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers of the even numbered sections. It is important for the interests of the State that these selections should be made before the day of public sale or at least before the public sale is closed, and a schedule of the lands selected filed with the Register, and at the same time filing with the Register [illegible] by him on the schedule retained and returned by you to be forwarded to me. Should you deem it necessary to have more assistance to make the necessary examinations and selections within the proper time before the day of sale so as to secure the selection of all good lands, you are hereby authorized to employ additional assistance and you can call on [illegible] of this place for assistance and advice with whom I consulted on the subject. Your energetic action in this matter is particularly urged as it is necessary for the interests of the State. You will employ faithful honest capable assistance if any. All selections will have to be filed by you or one of you.

Nelson Dewey

Fond du Lac June 13 1849

Jedediah Brown Esq
Register of the State Land Office
Oshkosh
Wisconsin

Sir,

Governor Dewey directed me to call on you on my return from Green Bay, and compare a list furnished by the Commissioner of the General Land Office of lands approved by the President of the odd numbered sections within the limits of the Fox and Wisconsin improvement grant, with the duplicate in your possession. Circumstances have prevented me from calling on you; and I herewith enclose you a copy of a letter which accompanies the list; from which you will be able to correct the duplicate list in your hands.

I was on my return from Green Bay whither I have been to locate lands from amongst the even sections of the Improvement Grant, to make up the deficiency arising by the sale by the United States of odd numbered sections. Nearly all of the lands of any value have been selected by me.

George R Delaplaine Priv. Secy to
Governor of Wisconsin

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison June 21. 1849.

Wm H Thomas Esq
Lisbon Wis

Sir

Governor Dewey directs me to transmit to you the enclosed Patents together with two duplicates left by you in this Department in March last to obtain patents upon & to inform you that the Patents for the last numbered were issued by Governor Dodge, and are likely found now in the hands of either the late Register or Receiver of the Canal Land at Milwaukee

George R Delaplaine
P. Secretary

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison June 21 1849

Dr Henry Rockwell
Lisbon
Waukesha Co Wisconsin

Sir

Governor Dewey directs me to transmit to you the enclosed duplicates of purchase of Canal lands, which were left by you in this office in March last to procure Patents upon & to inform you that the Patents for the lands described therein are yet in the hands of the Register of the Canal lands at Milwaukee to whom they were sent by Henry Dodge the late Governor of this Territory for distribution

George R Delaplaine
P. Secretary

Madison June 20 1849

Erastus W. Drury

I have received your letter of the 9th inst. and am glad that the contract at Depere has been let to Mr Cox, which will be a great saving to the State, as well as highly satisfactory to the community at large.

In relation to advertising the work at the Winnebago Rapids, I have only to say that it ought in my opinion to be let this season, and this is the only question with the two interests be prepared to bid as early as your August session. In relation to it the Board will consult the interest of the work and take the most favorable time to avail itself of fair competition in letting the contract. That side that will make the improvement at the least expense and most advantages to the State should have the location. Perhaps some bonus may be obtained if the work is let out the proper time.

I hope you will keep me advised of every thing affecting its interests

I trust yourself and Mr Story will watch the progress of the work & see that the engineer does his duty & all others

Nelson Dewey

Madison June 19. 1849

J. C. Fairchild
Treasurer

Your letter is recd and in reply to your enquiry in relation to a further sale of the School lands it is my opinion that the act providing for a sale of the School lands does not take effect until the 1st day of January next and such is the opinion of the Attorney General. Such being the case no legal sale can take place until after the expiration of that time. There is nothing interesting. Supreme Court is in session and every one is well we are expecting you and the Secretary of State here daily my respects to yourself and the Secretary

Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison June 21. 1849

Richard M. Young
Commissioner of Genl. Land Office
Washington City

Your several letters of date of May 7th, 11th, 15th & 17th last containing approvals of locations of lands by this State under the act of Sept 4th 1841 to liquidate the grant made by that act of 500,000 acres to this State are rec'd?

In reply to the last paragraphs of your letter of the 7th of May above referred to, I have to inform you that the State of Wisconsin, should the Pre-emption Claim be established, will not take the residue of each of the said selections as equivalent to & in lieu of 320 acres

Nelson Dewey

Memorandum for
Col. Samuel Crawford

Col. Samuel
Will deliver the accompanying package to the Commissioner of the General Land Office as superscribed. Mr Crawford will ascertain what representations the Land Officers at Green Bay have made to the Commissioner in relation to the locations of lands made by Mr [illegible] agent of the [illegible] said Wisconsin were unfavourable and if unfavourable to the confirmation of the selections he will endeavour to counteract such representations and endeavour to secure the confirmation of such selections by the Comr & President.

The Green Bay land Officers may try to have the Commr not recognize those locations where selections for actual pre-emption Claims had been made, even where the pre-emptor did not prove up his Claim & pay the money for it before the 11th of June next the day of public sale. Where the pre-emptor did prove up & pay before the day of public sale the State of course cannot hold, but where the pre-emptor did not do so, then the right of the State to locate and complete and its locations should be recognized.

The settlers were unanimously in favour of the State making the locations and they did not prove up for that reason.

Mr Crawford will give this matter close attention & secure the rights of the State for this [illegible] of trouble The following papers are handed you for your information & to show the result of necessary

Mr Whipples report to me as Agent in making the location

Mr Whitcombs renewal of application

Mr Henry B. Brown's Register of Land Office to me urging me to make locations all which you will return to me

Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison June 23. 1849

Madison June 27. 1849

Morgan L Martin

Sir

In reply to your letter as the Attorney of Mr Lane Farm who is an appeal from the decision of the State Land Board at [illegible] upon his application for a preemption right to the N½ of NW¼ of Section 25 Town 18 Range 14 East I have today stated in my decision, where a full examination of the law granting the rights of preemption no appeal can be taken from the decisions of those officers to the Governor and I doubt very much whether the Courts have any jurisdiction over their decisions. I however will withhold the issuing of the Patent until a reasonable time is given to the contestant to have it adjudicated upon by the Courts.

The only case where the Governor should interfere in case of the entry of lands either by preemption or otherwise, is where the entry is made by fraud either on the part of the Land officers or other persons

Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Mineral Point July 5th 1849

Col. George H. Slaughter
Register of the United States
Land Office at Mineral Point

In reply to the letter of the Commissioner of the United States General Land office of the date of May 12th last directed to you, which you have this day exhibited to me, I have to say that the State Agents Wm Hood, Joseph Atkinson, Timothy Burns and Francis Henry, appointed by the Executive authority of this State to locate in behalf of the

State in the Mineral Point District, the 500000 acres grante the act of Congress of the 4th September 1841 under the 8th se were and are authorized by their appointment as such ag to make such selections and locations either jointly or separately and that any selections made by them or either of them will be accepted by this State as a part of the 500000 acre grant above referred to

Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Madison July 16. 1849

N. F. Pratt
Sheriff of Waukesha

Your letter upon the subject of the State prison convicts was received during my absence from this place, which will account for the delay of a reply.

The Judges of the Supreme Court did not express their opinion to me on the subject of the power of the Governor to remove the State prisoners from one place of confinement to another either by commutation of their punishment or otherwise. Before I can in any event act on the matter, the application must come from the Sheriff and Jailor of Milwaukee County setting forth the reasons, if any, why they (the prisoners) should be removed, the crime for which each was convicted, the period of his sentence, when his sentence will expire, by what Court sentenced and accompanied by the certificate of Judge Hubbell that the removal ought to be made for the reasons so set forth by the Sheriff. When this information is officially furnished me, I shall then have some tangible information upon which to act, and without it I cannot legally interfere in the removal of any of the prisoners or commute their sentence.

The records that were furnished the Legislature last session are not before me, and if they were they would not be sufficient for me to act upon.

In acting in this matter it is necessary to proceed with great caution, so that nothing may be done to invalidate the sentences of the convicts.

If the Milwaukee jail is too full it is important for the health of the prisoners that more room should be provided and any thing I can legally do to accomplish this object I will do cheerfully. When the above information is officially furnished I will give it my action

Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Lancaster August 21. 1849

Messrs Confit & Burns
State Agents to locate lands
for this State in the
Mineral Land District

I have been informed that you have located several thousand acres of land of a very inferior quality for farming, and not at all adapted to agricultural purposes, and are very rough and broken and that you located them with reference to their prospective mineral Character, and not to their agricultural advantages.

The information, if correct, I regret and I must urge upon you as heretofore that you will locate for the States lands only of the first quality for agricultural purposes without reference to their prospective mineral advantages

You must strictly observe your instructions in locating only lands of the first quality for farming purposes.

I am told that many of the lands you have located in the vicinity of the Blue Mounds are almost entirely worthless for farming purposes, and that they are of no value unless they should Contain Mineral, which is a very uncertain Contingency I hope you will not locate any more lands for their prospective mineral value, unless valuable and known discoveries, are already made on a given tract

I shall expect a strict compliance with these views
I hope this information may prove incorrect

Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Lancaster August 22d 1849

Jn. Brown
Register of the State Land Office
Oshkosh
Wisconsin

Your report for the month of July is received, which shows that Lands to the amount of twenty thousand dollars have been sold and that up to the first of August instant: the aggregate estimates amounted to over one half of that sum, & that the amount of such estimates have been paid out on documents drawn by the Board of Public Works in pursuance of law: I have certified these facts to the President of the United States as required by the act of Congress of August 8th 1846 making the grant. You are therefore hereby authorized and directed to reopen the State Land Office & sell lands to the amount of two thousand dollars, when you will close the Office and discontinue the sale of lands until that amount has been expended on the improvement & the fact certified to this Department & by this Department to the President of the United States, and until you are officially notified by this Department that such certificate has been forwarded to the President, and until you are directed and ordered by this Dept: to open the Office & proceed with the sales. I perceive by the Oshkosh Democrat that as soon as one half the amount of the twenty thousand dollars was drawn from the treasury on the warrants of the Board of Public works you opened the Office & proceeded with the sale before the proper certificate was received by me & forwarded to the President. This if so, will be upon examination of the Act of Congress is irregular.

The construction of the Act of Congress is this – after lands have been sold, sufficient to produce twenty thousand dollars, before any more lands can be sold, one half of that amount must be expended on the improvement & the Governor of this State must certify the fact of such expenditure to the President. Not only the expenditure must be made but the fact must be actually certified by the Governor to the President before the sales of lands can recommence.

Hereafter you will not reopen the land Office for the sale of Lands after being closed until you are officially informed by the Governor that the necessary certificate has been forwarded to the President, which will be made so soon as your certificate is received & you will be promptly notified.

You will keep me advised of the progress of the improvement & of the energy with which it is prosecuted &c.

Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison August [illegible]

Sir

[illegible] the examination of your Report [illegible]
[illegible] amount [illegible] of the [illegible]
expended [illegible]

[illegible] Report [illegible]

[illegible] 1.25 [illegible]

[illegible] 1.25 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] It is presumed that the [illegible] Patent Documents from Washington [illegible] respectfully request you to forward [illegible]

[illegible]

Executive Department
[illegible]
[illegible] Dec. 18[illegible]

Sir

Yours [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] and certificate [illegible] you think he cannot comply [illegible] your [illegible] Patents [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] lands sold in [illegible] for the following reasons.

1st a Patent [illegible] by [illegible] Dodge for the [illegible] of a certificate to Christopher [illegible] which [illegible] found in the hands of John White the [illegible] the same lands. 2nd The [illegible] cannot [illegible] any [illegible] of land [illegible] separate Patents. We can only issue [illegible] certificates according to the [illegible] by the [illegible] officers [illegible]

Yr [illegible]
[illegible]

To
[illegible] Esq
[illegible]

Executive Department
[illegible]
[illegible] Dec [illegible]

Sir

[illegible] the receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst. [illegible] a Commission [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to have been [illegible] at Missouri [illegible] that Young [illegible] Captain [illegible] Company [illegible] of [illegible] Regiment of [illegible] [illegible] was taken [illegible] of the 22nd [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] provision [illegible]

A portion of the lands, [illegible]

[illegible] subject [illegible]

[illegible]

Madison December [illegible]

James D. Doty
Member of Congress
from Wisconsin

Enclosed herewith you will find a letter of attorney to you to collect at the Treasury Department the bounty & lands left due by Mr Stirling [illegible] the proper vouchers for the amount of said payable to the order of the Governor of this State naming him in it.

Your attention to this matter is solicited at your earliest convenience, & perhaps Mr [illegible] assistance might be of service to you in the [illegible] the administration side of [illegible].

You are [illegible] of this land and [illegible] [illegible] and I [illegible] your earnest attention because the amount due to the State and have it forwarded. The amount that should be paid at some [illegible] or [illegible] Treasury [illegible] and might need to be [illegible] the State. Also enclosed herewith I send you a letter of [illegible] on this subject, which may give you some insight into the business. One of them refers to his having discovered some [illegible]. The first of that letter, it would be improper to exhibit to any one, and might defeat the [illegible] of the whole affair. You will preserve the [illegible] letters & return them to me by mail when you get through with them.

Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
State of Wisconsin
Madison Dec 3. 1849.

To the Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors of
the County of Sheboygan

Your Official Communication informing me of a vacancy in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sheboygan County is rec'd. In reply I have to inform you that vacancies in that office as you will find in the Constitution 12 Sec. of the [illegible] Article are to be filled by the Judge of the Circuit Court and it is also provided by law [illegible] until the Judge [illegible] to supply the vacancy, the Governor would not be authorized to order a special election.

[illegible]

I am unwilling [illegible] order until the Survey is closed by [illegible] Commissioner and is entitled to the provisions of the [illegible]

Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison Dec [illegible] 1849

[illegible]

Governor Dewey directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 21st [illegible] addressed [illegible] and in reply I have to inform you that the Printing [illegible] by you for the use of the State not being [illegible] as is required & different in quality from that contracted for, cannot be received by him.

I am
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
[illegible]
Secretary

Messrs [illegible]
Madison

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Lancaster November 7. 1849

Jed: Brown
Register of the State
Land Office at
Oshkosh

I have certified to the President of the United States of the further expenditure of the sum of ten thousand dollars by this State in the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers. You can therefore open the State Land Office and sell in pursuance of law lands to the amount of ten thousand dollars in value & then close the sales until further direction

Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Lancaster Sept 14. 1849

Jed Brown
Register of the State
Land Office
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Your report of Sept. 8. 1849 is received. I have certified this day to the President of the United States that ten thousand dollars worth of land has been sold since my first certificate, and that the same amount has been expended by this State in making the improvement of the Fox & Wisconsin Rivers

You are therefore hereby directed to proceed to sell ten thousand dollars worth more of the lands granted for the improvement of these Rivers, so soon as you have given the necessary legal notices if any are necessary - then close the sales & report as heretofore directed

Nelson Dewey

State Of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison December 21. 1849

Jedidiah Brown
Register of State Land Office
Oshkosh

I have certified to the President of the United States of the further expenditure of the sum of ten thousand dollars by this State in the improvement of the Fox & Wisconsin Rivers. You can therefore open the State Land Office and sell in pursuance of law, lands to the amount in Value of sales of ten thousand dollars and then close the sales until further direction

Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison Dec 29. 1849

To
B. H. Campbell
Galena

Sir;

Governor Dewey directs me to inform you, that you can reserve for this State twenty (20) boxes best Sperm Candles at 40c the lb and to state that your account therefore will be certified to by him and presented to the Legislature for settlement.

Geo: P Delaplaine
Private Secretary

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison Jan 2 1850

Sir;

I am directed by Governor Dewey to communicate to you the following;

The books furnished by you have been recd. examined and found to be in number & size as per your contract except as follows

There were to be 12 books more of the same kind as the Calendars except ruled plain

the bound books are, many of them (the bands) cleaving from the covers — the paste appears to have been "not sufficiently adhesive" — Send a box of the kind of paste you use, or else inform how the paste is made — that the books may be repaired when needed

You mention that "nothing was said in the invitations for proposals, for Printing the binding of the Calendars" — They were to be made as per "model "A" left with you — that specified the binding.

Send your account in full by the return of the mail & it will be examined by the Executive & if found correct, certified to and presented by him to the Legislature for settlement

Geo: P Delaplaine
P. Secretary

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
January 2d 1850

Sir:

I am directed by Governor Dewey to communicate to you the following: The Stationery forwarded by you has been received, examined & found to be correct, and in accordance with the Contract, except as noted in the following list.

The seal press cannot be used – it is insufficient in power – the kind contracted for is required

The envelopes are of very inferior quality & not better than those furnished last year, better ones must be delivered.

There are but 10 pieces instead of 2½ Doz of tape ribbon – as charged & contracted for. Forward the remainder

The sand boxes fall short 6 in Number. Send the balance

The pounce boxes fall short one; send it

The fountain ink stands are charged at 16/- Ea: the Contract specifies 12/- Ea

Your a/c is herewith returned to be corrected, after which and the delivery of the articles mentioned in the foregoing list, it will be certified to as correct and presented by the Governor to the Legislature at an early day of the session for settlement. You will send by the same Mr Foot 4 more Fountain ink stands
1 lb pounce
½ Doz (same kind as sent) paper knives
2 Reams of the 5/ kind Post paper
1 Doz paper Clasps or common Clips

Geo: R Delaplaine
Secretary

Executive Department
Madison Wisconsin

W. R. Longstreet
Dear Sir

Governor Dewey directs me to [illegible] upon the enclosed [illegible] for the [illegible] funds to furnish the [illegible].

You will please sign and return the enclosed Treasury Voucher [illegible] Executive [illegible] after filling the blanks with the [illegible] of the Committee

Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Geo. P. Delaplaine
Secretary

Executive Department
Madison Wisconsin
Feb 15. 1850

W. R. Longstreet
Eden Fond du Lac Co
Wisconsin

Sir

His Excellency Governor Dewey directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Petition, asking for the interference of the Executive to prevent the incursions of the Menominee, Pottawattamie and Chippewa predatory bands of Indians in your region of Country — It is my duty to say to you, that the aggressions of the different Indian tribes upon the whites has been the subject of a recent communication from the Governor of this State to His Excellency Alexander Ramsey Governor of Minnesota Territory & Superintendent of Indian Affairs, whose province it is to restrain the different bands of Indians from encroaching upon the settlements of the whites, & to confine them within the limits of their own Country, requesting him to immediately secure the citizens of this State from any further molestation or alarm on a/c of these Indians.

Geo. P. Delaplaine
Secretary

Executive Department
Lancaster March 6. 18[illegible]

[illegible] & Mark
Madison Wisconsin

Your letter of the 20th ult. in relation to obtaining the block of Marble or stone to be furnished by this State for the Washington Monument is rec'd.

In reply I have to inform you that you are to have the block of the requisite size to be furnished by the Secretary of the Washington Monument Association at Milwaukee in the best style of workmanship according to the act of the Legislature providing for obtaining the block. The whole expense of which including its transportation and delivery at the Washington Monument not to exceed the amount appropriated by law for this object.

The block to be subject to my acceptance when finished & no compensation to be allowed or paid unless accepted. The block to be of Marble if it can be obtained of the requisite size and of a sufficient fine grain and solidity

Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Madison March 7. 1852

Messrs Jedediah Bowen
Joseph Jackson
Oshkosh Wisconsin

Gentlemen

I am bid by His Excellency the Governor to say that you are required to file new bonds for the faithful performance of the duties of your respective offices, to which you have recently been re-elected

Geo P. Delaplaine
P. Secretary

Executive Department
Madison, Wisconsin
March 7, 1850.

Sir

His Excellency Governor Dewey directs me to request that you will favor him with the dimensions of a block of Marble of the size approved to deposite in the Washington Monument

Geo R Delaplaine
P. Secretary.

Hon. E. Whittlesey
Supt. Washington
Monument Association
Washington
D.C.

Executive Department
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

Sir

[illegible] directs me to transmit [illegible] Washington Monument [illegible] for the purchase of eight [illegible] of your account after deducting [illegible]

Geo R Delaplaine
P Secretary

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the Military Burying [illegible] the [illegible] of the Government [illegible] commanded by Capt. [illegible] under [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] Alabama Regiment [illegible] and [illegible] a piece of [illegible] from the place of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

Sir

In the [illegible] that by a letter [illegible] from the Hon [illegible] Washington Monument Association [illegible] that the Block of Marble [illegible] in said Monument should be four feet long, two feet high, and with a depth of bed from [illegible] to eighteen inches

[illegible]
Secretary

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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President

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President

[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Department
[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
Sir

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in relation to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to be furnished [illegible] [illegible] Washington Monument [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you that you can [illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] furnished by the [illegible] the Washington Monument [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] regulation [illegible] for [illegible] the [illegible] of which [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] be [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] for this object. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]
Wisconsin Department
[illegible] February [illegible]

Hon. [illegible]
Senator in Congress
[illegible] Wisconsin
Washington City

[illegible] it is said that several hundred Winnebago Indians, since returned from their homes in Minnesota Territory to their hunting grounds in this State on the waters of the Red [illegible] & Black rivers, have become a source of annoyance to our citizens in that part of the State and it is said that they threaten to drive the whites from the country [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] recently petitioned [illegible] to the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] his favorable action for their removal & to protect our citizens from their [illegible] and [illegible].

[illegible] your [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
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Yours truly

Executive Department
Madison, March [illegible] [illegible]

Mr. [illegible] Terrell
[illegible] Baraboo
Sauk County Wisconsin

The petition signed by yourself and sundry other citizens of Sauk County [illegible] received a few days since and in reply to the petition, I have to inform you that such steps have been taken to [illegible] the stray bands of the Winnebago Indians from this State. [illegible] have no right on any other portion of the [illegible].

I have the assurance of the Governor of the Territory of Minnesota, also of the Superintendent of these Indians, that their removal shall be [illegible] as soon as possible. Although the [illegible] of these Indians is very annoying [illegible]

[illegible]

Militia of this State [illegible] and [illegible] at the commencement of the [illegible]

There is doubt [illegible] that the General Government [illegible] of these [illegible]

[illegible] be used by me [illegible]

If any [illegible] they should be [illegible]

Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison. February 20. 1850.

The Hon. [illegible]
Secy of [illegible]

Your letter of the [illegible] inst. with the [illegible] relating to [illegible] County [illegible]

[illegible]

Nelson Dewey

[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
April 22nd [illegible]

[illegible] Brown
[illegible] of the Land Office
[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible] of [illegible] in the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin [illegible] has been made by the President according to the Act of Congress making the grant, you [illegible] therefore [illegible] [illegible] land [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] quantity of Two thousand [illegible] [illegible] of the land [illegible] to the [illegible] the improvement of [illegible] [illegible]

Charles Doty

Receiver's [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
Aug [illegible]

[illegible] Esq
[illegible]
[illegible]

Sir

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] have not been received.

[illegible]
[illegible]

Executive Department
May 24th [illegible]

[illegible] Esq.
[illegible]

Your letter of the [illegible] addressed [illegible] was received at this place during my absence and I deferred replying to it until my return here.

It is true a requisition from the Governor of [illegible] has been before me since last [illegible] for the apprehension of George C. [illegible], and that I have not yet issued a warrant for his arrest. [illegible] also true that the reason for not doing so [illegible] [illegible] and prior to the agent of that [illegible] and the requisition and charge [illegible] when you were here.

The reason why I have not issued the warrant is briefly this: I believe that the object of obtaining the warrant is not to [illegible] the ends of [illegible] of the State of [illegible] but for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] that the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. These [illegible] are so frequently [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible].

Persons are frequently arrested [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] by the agents of the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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[illegible] that [illegible] [illegible]

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[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] Indian [illegible] in this [illegible] for the [illegible] in this State under the act of Congress [illegible] Michigan [illegible] the [illegible] to the late treaty [illegible] a distribution [illegible] Government passed in 1846 [illegible] not been made [illegible] the balance struck at last [illegible] [illegible] I have to request you to cause at your earliest convenience this account to be made up and the amount due for the year 1849 to this State ascertained, & the same forwarded to me by draft [illegible] drafts on New York [illegible] by the laws of this State authorized to [illegible] authenticated copy [illegible] [illegible] in your office [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] consider [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] England [illegible]

[illegible] Secretary [illegible]

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[illegible] and magazine [illegible]
[illegible] for this State,
[illegible] promises
[illegible] rather.

To
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[illegible] States [illegible]
[illegible] for the [illegible]
[illegible] would be [illegible]
[illegible] at present. It is suggested
that the [illegible] should be [illegible] through
[illegible] the different sections of the State as they may be
[illegible] convenient to be used in any emergency that
may arise [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] in case [illegible]
[illegible] The whole number [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Nelson Dingley [illegible]

Augusta February [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Nelson Dingley

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison [illegible]

Benj. [illegible]
Register of the U.S. Land Office
Green Bay

Your letter of the 9th ult. [illegible] was received during my absence from this place which will apologize for the delay in reply.

Enclosed [illegible] list of lands [illegible] selected under the 8th section of the act of Congress of Sept 4th 1841 as a substitute [illegible] which were filed in your office in April & Dec. 1849 [illegible] substitute list [illegible] all the lands selected in these lists lying without the [illegible] Wisconsin River Grant.

[illegible] this substitute [illegible] will [illegible] the selection under the different grants from conflict. You will [illegible] of the substitute [illegible]

[illegible]

Executive Department
Madison Wisconsin
June [illegible]

To [illegible]
Register of the Land
Office at [illegible]
Wisconsin

[illegible]

Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Madison Wisconsin
Sept. 3. 1850

To Jedediah Brown
Register of the United States
Land Office at Oshkosh
Wisconsin

The seventh certificate of the expenditure of 10,000 $ on the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers by the State, has been made to the President according to the act of Congress making the grant. You can therefore proceed and sell an additional quantity of ten thousand dollars in amount of the lands granted to the State for the improvement of those Rivers

Nelson Dewey

Madison Sept 11. 1850

Jedediah Brown
Register of the State Land Office
Oshkosh

Herewith I transmit a List (No 2) of lands approved by the President of the United States as a part of the Fox and Wisconsin river improvement Grant, which can be brought into market whenever the Board of Public works think necessary

Nelson Dewey

Madison Oct: 28. 1850

Jed. Brown
Register of the State
Land Office

I have a letter from Mr. John W. Clark by which it appears two or three tracts of Land were sold by the Genl. Government before the list of even numbered sections were approved to wit) The SW/4 of S.E. W/4 & E/2 of SW/4 of Sec 30. T15 N.R. 12 E and the NE/4 of SW/4 & W/2 of SW/4 Sec 36 T15 R 11 E. which lands you will withhold from sale until otherwise directed & you will please enquire into the matter —

Nelson Dewey

Mr. Clark resides at Marquette Marquette Co or his letter is dated at that place N. D.

Executive Department
Madison Wisconsin
Dec 26. 1850

To
Jedidiah Brown
Register of the United States
Land Office at Oshkosh
Wisconsin

The requisite certificate of the expenditure of $10000 on the improvement of the Fox & Wisconsin rivers, by the State of Wisconsin, has been made to the President according to the act of Congress making the grant.

You can therefore proceed and sell an additional quantity of ten thousand Dollars in amount of the lands granted to the State, for the improvement of those Rivers.

By the Governor

Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Madison Wisconsin
Oct 29. 1850

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency Governor Dewey to inform you that your bid of 8000 Dollars, payable in one year with 7 p ct interest for the interest of the State in the Milwaukee & Rock River Canal, dam, hydraulic power, company & its stocks, is accepted by the Executive, and he directs that you execute a bond for the payment of the amt. offered, in the penal sum of 16000 Dollars, secured to be paid by Mortgage upon unincumbered real estate to the value of the like sum. Have the securities selected and in readiness by the 5th proxime, at which time the proper papers will be furnished to you for execution, & a deed for the interest you have purchased delivered.

Yours &c
Geo. P. Delaplaine
Secretary

To C. C. Cotton Esq
Milwaukee

Executive Chamber
Madison, Wisconsin
Nov 25. 1850

To W. D. Meacham Esq
Dist. Atty. for
Walworth Co. Wis
East-Troy

Sir

The enclosed Certified copy of an Indictment found by the Court of your County was this day handed to me by Lyman Cowdery Esq, who requested that it might be sent to the Governor and a Requisition be obtained & forwarded to your address. Upon examination I discover that there is no affidavit of the persons indicted having left the State nor does it call for a Requisition &c. Supposing you have omitted sending some paper already prepared, I return it that the proper affidavit and request may be affixed

Yours &c
Geo. P. Delaplaine
Secretary

Mr Cowdery left town before the deficiency of the papers was

Executive Department
Madison Wisconsin
Nov. 25. 1850

Messrs Westwood & Co
Engravers
New York

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 11th inst: addressed to His Excellency Governor Dewey as also your former letter, was duly recd and I am directed by him to inform you that the press & seal prepared by you for this State came duly to hand - its receipt was acknowledged in Sept. last. The seal was cut scarcely deep enough - & the press is insufficient in power to give a complete impression - The Governor directed that it should be returned to you for alteration, but the gentleman by whom it was to have been sent, some two weeks since, is now deterred from going east, & it will have to remain until Spring.

Governor Dewey is now absent, when he returns, he will probably address you

Yours respectfully
Geo. P. Delaplaine
P. Secretary

Executive Department
Madison Wisconsin
Nov 27. 1850

To
Jedediah Brown Esq
Register of State Land Office, Oshkosh

Sir

The Comr. of Land Affairs informs me that excepting the NW/4 of the SW/4 Sec 30 Town 15 R 12 E. the whole of Sd 1/4 Sec had, previous to its selection by this State, been pre-empted under the act of Congress of 1841 & that a Patent for the E1/2 of SW/4 & SW/4 of SW/4 of Sd Section, has issued to John W Clark Esq of Marquette. a similar disposition has also been made of the W/2 SW/4 & NE1/4 of SW/4 Sec 34. T15 R11 E. and you are therefore directed to withhold Sd lands from sale on the 16th prox:

Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Madison, Wisconsin
Decr 25. 1850

Hon J. D. Doty
Representative in Congress
from Wisconsin

Sir

On the 1st Decr 1849. I ad=dressed you a letter (a copy of which is herewith transmitted) requesting your aid to procure the passage of an Act authorizing the location of lands to complete the grant made by Congress for the improvement of the Fox & Wisconsin Rivers.

The failure of the passage of such a law at the last session of Congress, & the imperative necessity that exists for the speedy location of the remaining lands, induces me to renew the request; & it is to be hoped, that every exertion will be used on your part, to effect the passage of an act at an early day of the session.

The opportunities for selecting lands of the first quality, for the completion of the important improvements of the streams mentioned in which the whole of Northern & Middle Wis=consin are so deeply interested, are every day becoming lessened by the rapid influx of immi=gration. It is sincerely hoped, that the obstacle will be removed at once, so that the residue of the lands can be procured whilst those of value are to be had, & the completion of the nav=igation of the Fox & Wisconsin, secured before close of another Autumn

Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Madison Wisconsin
Decr 26. 1850

Hon Henry Dodge
Senator in Congress
from the State of Wisconsin

Sir,

By an act of Congress approved Augt 8. 1846, a quantity of land lying on each side of the Fox River from its mouth to the Portage between that stream & the Wisconsin at Ft. Winnebago, was granted to this Sta for the purpose of improving the navigation of those rivers. A portion of the lands thus granted were sold by the General Government prior to the passage of the law referred to; which act contained no provision for the location of other lands in lieu of those sold. Under the construction given this law by the Commissioner of the General Land office, lands cannot be located in lieu of those sold, without further legislation of Congress

The attention of the Hon J. D. Doty the Representative from the District bordering on the Fox River, was called to this subject at the last session of Congress, and the passage of a law to remove the obstacle in the way of the location of the residue of the unselected lands, which he was requested to urge, was, on account of the multitude of exciting business of the last session, not finally acted upon.

It is sincerely to be hoped that no impediment will occur to prevent the passage of a law at an early day, for the selection of these lands, whereby the improvement of the streams mentioned, may be pursued to completion; and the cooperation of the Senators and Representatives from this State, to effect this object is most earnestly and respectfully solicited

Nelson Dewey

Note: Copies of the above letter, were addressed severally to Messrs Dodge, Walker, Cole & Durkee at Washington & mailed on the 27th Dec 1850

Executive Department
Madison, Wisconsin
Dec 29. 1850

Hon J. D. Doty
Representative in Congress,
from the State of Wisconsin

Sir

On the 3d Dec 1849 a letter of attorney executed by me as the Executive officer of this State, was transmitted to you, and you are requested to procure a settlement with the proper officers of the Treasury Department, on account for the amount due this State on desk left there by Doc: Dathis in reference to the case sent you for your information

I respectfully request that you will give this subject your attention, & endeavor to procure at the earliest period an adjustment & final liquidation of this Claim

Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Madison Wisconsin
January 18. 1851

To
the Sheriff of
Racine County

Sir

His Excellency Governor Dewey directs me to transmit to you the enclosed duplicate of a Pardon issued on the 28th December last, which he is informed did not reach you. He requests that upon liberating the prisoner, you will make endorsement upon the writ of your doings thereon, & forward it to this department

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo R Delaplaine
P. Secretary

Executive Department
Madison February 4. 1851

Jedediah Brown Esq
Register of State Land Office
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

In list No 2 of approved lands granted to the State for the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers by Congress in lieu of those sold subsequent to the date of the act, making the grant, The N½ of N W/4 of Sec 10. Town 18 Range 14 East, 80 acres, should be in town 17 instead of town 18. You will correct the list in your office accordingly. This is the tract next to the last in said list No 2. The last tract in said list No 2. to wit" The E½ of Sec 32. T18. R14 east, 321 acres is correct being in Town 18.

I wish you would furnish me with facts in Mr. Simmis case for the purchase of the west half of SW/4 of Sec 23. T13. N R 9 E From his representation of the matter the sale should be made or he permitted to prove up a preemption right, or his father. You will furnish me with the necessary information to act understandingly on the subject, at your earliest convenience

Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Madison February 6 1851

A. W. Randall Esq
Waukesha Wis

Mr Delaplaine has just handed me your letter of the 31st ultimo, in which you state that you are reported as having applied to me to procure the pardon of Jerome B. Gallup convicted of passing Counterfeit money. In reply I have to inform you that you have not at any time spoken or written to me on the subject

Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Madison Feb 12. 1851

Mr Timothy Burns

You were with Messrs Curtis Reed & David M. Lee this day elected a member of the Board of Public Works for the year ending the 1st day of February instant.

The first meeting of the Board of Public Works of which you are a member, will be held at this place on the 15th day of March next.

You will please be present without fail as some important business is necessary to be transacted connected with the interest of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers Improvement

Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Madison March 6 1851

Daniel Mackey
Milwaukee

In reply to your letter of the 13th ult. I have to inform you, that your proper remedy to seek in the first instance, is to apply for a Mandamus to the proper Court to compel the right to permit you to have access to the public records in the Registers Office for the record of Deeds &c. And the law points out the remedies for taking illegal fees by public officers. The remedy provided for in the constitution is intended to be resorted to only in extreme cases, and after frequent and continued dereliction of duty. Your letter was rec^d this day.

Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Madison March 22^d 1851

S. Park Coon
Attorney General of Wisconsin
Milwaukee, Wis

When you was at Madison last winter, I forgot to mention to you my views relative to the Wisconsin Marine & Fire Insurance Company, resulting from the passage of the act submitting the question of "Bank" or "no Bank" to a vote of the people. I intended to have consulted with you on this subject, when you were at Madison last, during the session of the Legislature, but it escaped my attention, therefore I have thought proper to advise you of my views on the subject.

The passage of the act referred to, has placed the propriety of at present instituting proceedings against this Company to ascertain its chartered rights, whether it has violated them & whether it has even a legal corporate existence in an attitude far different from what existed previous to the passage of the act. In the present position of the Company and of the action of the Legislature on the banking question, I am clearly of the opinion that it would be highly impolitic and detrimental to the public interest for the State or its officers to interfere by legal proceedings with the action of the Company until the question of "Bank" or "No Bank" has been acted upon by the people at the polls. Should the vote of the people be in favor of the establishment of Banks, the reasonable presumption is that this Company will abandon the exercise of its Banking powers, and surrender its charter voluntarily, without invoking the aid of the law to compel it to do so. Should the people at the polls decide against the establishment of Banks, resort can then be had to the law to compel it to cease the exercise of rights not granted by its charter, and in derogation of the laws of the land, both constitutional and statute.

It is but a short time till the people vote upon the Bank question, and the public interest will be, in my opinion, subserved by postponing the institution of legal proceedings against it until this question is determined by the people, and an additional reason why this action should be delayed is the fact that in my last annual message to the Legislature, I called the attention of that body to the action of this institution & urged that the necessary legislation be had, directing legal steps to be taken to ascertain its legal rights & the extent of its corporate powers, to which suggestions of mine, the legislature did not think proper to give any consideration, and adjourned without any action on the subject, but on the contrary passed the act submitting the question of "Bank" or "No Bank" to a vote of the people.

Another objection why proceedings on behalf of the State should not be commenced against this institution until the determination of the Bank question, should be determined by the free and fair expression of the wishes and views of the people uninfluenced by any extraneous or foreign questions or influences — Should legal proceedings be brought against this Company now for the purpose of winding it up, it would enter the Contest on the Bank question with the whole weight of its influence, personal & moral and a strong sympathy in its favor & that of the bank question, would spring up among the people in your section of the State, which would add great strength in favor of the Bank side of the question — Such a result ought not to be brought about by the action of the State or its officers, & would be seriously prejudicial to the best interest of the State, and I have no doubt, but that you concur in the views & reasons I have here expressed

Not having consulted with you relative to this institution since last summer, when I was in Milwaukee, I have thought it necessary & my duty to advise you of my present views, that you may regulate your action understandingly on this subject. —— Although I did not suppose that you would commence so important a proceeding without further consultation with me, after what transpired between us last summer For the reasons stated I could not give my sanction to the institution of legal proceedings on behalf of the State, until this Bank question is determined and I have no doubt but your action as the Chief legal officer of the State, will be in accordance with the course I have recommended

Nelson Dewey

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison May 22nd 1851

Hon Morgan L. Martin
Green Bay. Wisconsin

In the event of your visiting the City of Washington on your contemplated visit east, you are hereby authorized as the agent of this State to present and urge upon the Government of the United States, the right of this State to select and have approved by the President without further legislation of Congress lands in lieu of that portion of the grant made by Congress for the improvement of the Fox & Wisconsin rivers under the act of the 8th of August 1846 sold and otherwise disposed of by the General Government anterior to the date of the act referred to

You will use such arguments and present such reasons to the Government in favor of this right of the State as a fair and reasonable construction of the act will warrant, and advise me of the result of your efforts

Nelson Dewey

Madison May 22. 1851

Mr Eugene S. Turner
Dist. Atty. Washington Co

Your letter of the 7th inst. enclosing copy of indictment for a requisition on the Governor of New York, I have just received having having just returned to this place. The copy which you have sent is not authenticated according to the laws of this State

The Indictment is a record of the Court and the only way known to our law of authenticating copies of Court records is under the certificate of the Clerk and seal of the Court attached. When such a copy of the indictment is presented I will act upon the application. It is uncertain how long I shall remain in Madison. I am compelled to leave on official business the first of next week

Nelson Dewey

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Nelson Dewey

Madison May 26. 1851

Mr John Nuttin

I have been so much engaged officially away from this place since you were at Madison in March last that I have not had time to examine your papers relating to the Registership of your County until this time and by some misunderstanding of my clerk they were not forwarded to me at Lancaster as I directed and as I advised you would be done.

I now inform you of the result of my Examinations and my action in the case upon a full investigation in the case, upon a full investigation of the facts, law and constitution.

The first point to settle is — Is the office of Register of deeds of Jefferson County vacant

"Upon an examination of Mr O Strander's bond it is clear that it is not such a bond as an action could be sustained upon, the obligee being the County Treasurer when the law says that the people of the State shall be the obligee so that it is the same in effect as if no bond had been executed it not being a bond recognized by law.

It follows therefore that no such bond as the law requires was filed within 20 days after the 31st of December last by Mr O S Strander that under section 2 of chapter eleven of Revised Statutes and Sec 10 of article 13 of the constitution the office of Register of deeds of Jefferson County is vacant.

The office being vacant the next question is how can the vacancy be constitutionally and legally supplied. Upon this question a good deal of doubt exists as a constitutional question

The first paragraph of Sect 4 of article 6 of the Constitution reads thus. "Sheriffs Coroners, registers of deeds & District attorneys shall be chosen by the electors of the respective Counties, once in two years and as often as vacancies shall happen. From this clause it would seem that the Constitution contemplated that vacancies in these offices among which Register of deeds is enumerated, should be supplied by the Electors of counties only. As this is a contested matter in your county, it is highly important that whatever action is had, should be constitutionally done beyond a doubt. I have therefore declined filling the vacancy myself, but have ordered a special Election to be held on the 16th of June next to supply the vacancy, which course I hope will be satisfactory to the people of your County and yourself

Nelson Dewey

Madison May 26. [illegible]

John E Holmes Esq.
Jefferson

I have just had time to examine the papers relative to the alleged vacancy existing in your county of Jefferson and decide upon the rights of Mr Ostrander. The 10th Sec of Article 13 of the Constitution vests in the Legislature the power to declare by law when offices shall be deemed or become vacant. The 6th subdivision of 3d Section of 11th Chapter of revised Statutes declares that every office shall become vacant upon the officers refusal or neglect to take his oath of office or to give or renew his official bond, or to deposite such oath or bond within the time prescribed by law.

The 138th Section of Chapter 10 of revised Statutes makes it the duty of every County officer to execute and deposite his official bond and oath as prescribed by law, within twenty days after the term of his office shall commence. The 118th Sec of Chapter 10 of Revised Statutes prescribes that the obligee in the bond shall be the "people of this State" 2d the penalty of bond and its condition.

What the law means by an official bond is a legal bond and one upon which an action can be maintained against the obligors or sureties of the bond for a violation of the official duties of the officer who is the principal obligor. and unless such bond is filed and deposited, it is the same in legal effect as if no bond had been executed for the public have no security.

Now is Mr Ostranders bond such a one as an action could be sustained upon against his sureties in a Court for any violation or neglect of official duty on his part. I presume that no lawyer will contend that an action can be maintained upon the bond executed and deposited on the 13th of April last, the obligee of the bond being the County treasurer instead of the People of this State as the law prescribes and the condition of his bond being defective and not according to law.

If an action cannot be maintained on the bond against the sureties, it is the same as if no bond had been executed and deposited, and no other or legal bond having been executed and deposited within twenty days after the term of office commenced, the law stepped in and by its operation the office became vacant and the vacancy having once existed, no subsequent attempts of his to execute and deposite a new bond can remove the vacancy. I am clear therefore that the office of Register of Deeds of Jefferson County is vacant. I have therefore ordered the vacancy to be supplied by a Special election to be held on the 16th of June next, which course I [illegible] will be satisfactory to the people of that County.

Mr Ostrander being in possession of the records of the office, thus renders him Register de facto and his acts as such cannot in my opinion be impeached and illegal

Yours &c

Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Madison Wisconsin
May 26. 1851

James B. Martin Esq
Milwaukee

Sir:

His Excellency Govr Dewey directs me to inform you that the 26th day of June next, has been fixed by him for the meeting of the Board of Commissioners on the location & erection of the State Prison and you are therefore notified to assemble with the other gentlemen of the Board at the Capitol on that day,

Arthur W. Worth Esq of Grant County, & John Taylor Esq of Fond du Lac County, will be associated with you in the commission.

— The Executive has caused a notice to be published at Madison that the Board of Comm^rs will meet at the Capitol in Madison on the day named, & that they will then organize as a body and examine propositions or communications respecting different points for the location of the State Prison, and consider any donations proposed to be made to the State, to secure the location of the Prison, at any given point or locality.

To this notice, the names of the gentlemen composing the Board has been affixed. Please acknowledge the receipt of this communication, and address your letter to Governor Dewey at Lancaster Grant Co. Wis

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo P Delaplaine
Private Secretary

A letter similar to above substituting the name of John Taylor was mailed on the 27th inst to Mr Taylor at Waupun Wis.

Executive Department
Madison May 26. 1

To the State Prison
Commissioners of the
State of Wisconsin

In addition to the directions contained in the act of the Legislature providing for the location and erection of a State Prison you are instructed to examine personally the different points proposed for the location of the prison confining your examinations within the limits of five counties as the law provides.

You will carefully compare the advantages of the different points with each other, regarding the facility of obtaining building materials suitable for the construction of a prison, particularly stone, the health of the points, the character of the water, the employment of the convicts by the State for the future as well as the present time, the bearing that convict labor will have upon the industrial pursuits of the country, the donations offered for its location; and all other things having a tendency to effect the interest of the State & then decide & fix the location impartially, having in view only the true interest and economy of the State prospective as well as present without regard to any other considerations

Nelson Dewey

Madison July 16. 1851

Mr Charles S. Thomas
Monroe

I have dismissed the charges preferred against you by Mr Dinwiddie, upon the ground that no legal oath can be administered before the Governor in such cases, which is all that saved you from being removed

Under the circumstances my advice to you is that you had better resign. It would place you in a better attitude hereafter before the people, & if the legislature should pass a law next winter to enable the Governor to administer oaths the charges may be brought against you again

Nelson Dewey

Madison July 16th 1857

Hon Wm R. Biddlecome
Philadelphia Pa

Herewith I transmit your instruction with list of Books to be purchased and Catalogue of Books now in library. Your instructions are full — I want you to do the best you can for the State — there is no money in the Treasury & they will have to be bought on credit & I shall have to get you to pay the insurance & will refund it when you get home with outlays of funds on your part. Nothing new. Health generally good. acknowledge the receipt of the enclosed — I go to Lancaster tonight

Yours truly
Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Madison, Wisconsin
Sept 13. 1857

Saml L. Hastings Esq
Geneva. Walworth Co

Sir

His Excellency Govr Dewey has given a thorough examination of the matter relative to the removal of Henry N Taylor Esq of your County, from the office of Notary Public and I am directed by him to inform you, that he cannot consent to reinstate Mr Taylor at your request

I am Sir
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo Delaplaine
P. Secretary

State of Wisconsin
Executive Department
Madison Nov 7th 18

William W. Brown Esq
City of Milwaukee
Wisconsin

Your dispatch is received & in reply I herewith send you authority to act as the agent of this state to prevent that portion of the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal Grant sold by Wisconsin Territory, from being charged to the State and taken out of the grant of 500,000 acres made by Congress.

You will use such exertions to accomplish this object as in your opinion will succeed. The first thing to do is to get from the Commissioners of the General Land office, the account current of this State so far as this 500,000 acre grant is concerned, after that you know what to do & have to do it without further instructions from me, as you are acquainted with the whole history of the matter. I wish you success - write me occasionally - Delaplaine is now in Washington and may assist you if there when you arrive, & you may assist him

Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Madison, Wisconsin
Decr 29. 1857

Hon Ben C. Eastman
Representative in Congress
from the State of Wisconsin
Washington D.C.

Sir,

The Citizens of this State residing in the region of the Fox & Wisconsin Rivers are deeply interested in the improvement of those streams for which a Grant of land was by an act of Congress approved August 8th 1846 made for that purpose

At the time of the passage of the act referred to, a considerable portion of the lands within the limits of the grant, had been previously sold by the Genl Govt & no provision was made in the act for the location of any other lands, in lieu of those sold, & the Commr of the Genl Land Office has decided that no lands can be located in lieu of those sold, without the passage of a Special act for that purpose - At two previous sessions of Congress, the Representatives from this State as also the Senators in Congress were requested by this Department to procure the passage of an act to cover the case, but unfortunately for the interests of the Improvement, nothing was obtained of Congress.

Permit me to call your attention to it, & to solicit your prompt aid in connection with the rest of the delegation representing this State in Congress to secure at once the passage of an act to authorize the location of these lands

I beg you will consult freely with your Colleagues who thoroughly understand the situation of the matter & have this day been addressed in reference thereto

Nelson Dewey

Executive Department
Madison Wisconsin
Dec 29. 1851

Genl. Henry Dodge
Senator in Congress
from the State of Wisconsin
Washington D.C.

Sir,

Permit me to again call your attention to the necessity of procuring the passage of an act authorizing the location of land to complete the grant made by Congress for the improvement of the Fox & Wisconsin rivers

The inexcusable delay which has occurred in this matter, has already most severely disparaged the interests of the country in the region of the streams to be improved, & it is to be hoped that the attention of the Senators and Representatives of this State, will be mutually and most cordially given, to secure the passage of a law at an early day of the session for the object mentioned

Nelson Dewey

Note Letters similar in matter to the above, were on the 29th Decr 1851 addressed to Messrs I. P. Walker - James D. Doty Charles Durkee and Ben C. Eastman & directed to them at Washington D.C. G.P.D. P.Sec

Executive Depart
Madison, Wiscon
Dec 30 185

W. A. Wheeler & Co
Nos 13 & 15 Park Row
New York

Gentlemen

Herein enclosed you will receive dft No 9612 Dec 20. 1851 drawn by N. Corwith & Co. favor Nelson Dewey for $\$1873\frac{24}{100}$ made payable to your order, as payment in full for your invoice of Stationary for the use of the State furnished to Mr Delaplaine, my secretary, on the 5th November last, which you will please acknowledge at your earliest convenience

Nelson Dewey
Governor of the State
of Wisconsin

Note the following is correct copy of the draft above mentioned

"N. Corwith & Co
" $\$1873\ 24$ Galena Dec 20th 1851
" At Sight this Original of Exchange (duplicate unpaid)
"Pay to the order of Hon. Nelson Dewey Eighteen hundred
"Seventy three $\frac{24}{100}$ Dollars, Value received, and charge the
"same to account of
"N Corwith & Co"
" To C. W. Rogers & Co"
"N. Y."
"No 9612" endorsed as follows=
"Pay to the order of
"Messrs Wm A. Wheeler & Co Stationers No 13 Park Row
"New York) Nelson Dewey"

Executive Department
Madison Wisconsin
September 20. 1852

To the Hon.
The Board of Public Works
of the State of Wisconsin
at Oshkosh

I have recently received from the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Washington an approved list of lands selected by me as a part of the grant made by Congress to this State to aid in the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers. a Copy of which is herewith forwarded to you.

I have also, this day, Certified to the President of the United States, that all the proceeds of previous sales of said grant has been Expended. You will therefore proceed to sell said lands in the quantity, at the time, and upon the terms, required by law. The first proceeds of said sales to the amount of "One sixth of the avails of the fund arising, from the sales of land granted by Congress in aid of the improvement of the Fox & Wisconsin Rivers or so much thereof as may be necessary for that purpose should be, set apart, reserved, and Expended solely for the improvement of the Wisconsin River according to Section 12, of the act of the Legislature passed April 14. and according to the act approved April 19. 1852.

Leonard J. Farwell
Governor

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Executive Department
Madison, Wisconsin
January 2d 185

To Henry Brown Esquire
State Prison Commissioner Madison
for the State of Wisconsin

Sir

It appearing from the returns of the general Election for State officers, held on the 8th day of November AD 1853 made to the Secretary of State, that Augustus W. Starks Esquire of the County of Sauk in this State, was duly Elected to the office of State Prison Commissioner for the State of Wisconsin for the term of two years from this date, & has presented me with the official Certificate of the Secretary of this State, confirming his said Election & has complied with the requirements of the law by filing his official oath as such Commissioner, & has given a bond for the faithful performance of the duties pertaining to said office; You are therefore requested and directed to deliver into the custody of the said Starks the property now in your charge as State Prison Commissioner, with all books papers moneys and accounts connected with said office & the keys & possession of the premises now in your charge. And for so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant.

Given under my hand
& Seal at Madison this
second day of January
in the year One
thousand Eight
hundred & fifty four

Little Seal

By the Governor W. A. Barstow

Executive Department
Madison, Wisconsin
January 19. 1854

Stephen C. Paine Esq
Platteville, Wis

Sir;

I am directed by Governor Barstow to acknowledge the receipt of your letter addressed him of the 16th inst, in which you request as one of the directors of the "Ringold Artillery" to be informed whether arms can be obtained to equip your company. The Executive is daily expecting the annual report of the Adjutant General, which it is supposed, will show the condition of the arms and accoutrements for the Militia of the State. If upon examination, it appears that the necessary Ordnance and equipments can be obtained from the U States Government, the Executive will endeavor to have your company supplied at as early a day as practicable

Geo. P. Delaplaine
Secretary

Executive Department
Madison, Wisconsin
February 16 1854

His Excellency
Franklin Pierce
President of the United States
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith a certified copy of a Joint Resolution passed by the Legislature of this State on the 14th inst, relative to the Swamp Lands—

Very respectfully
Your obt servt
Wm A Barstow

N.B. Letters similar in substance to the foregoing with copies of the resolution mentioned, were on the same day addressed to the Hon Secretary of the Interior, & to each of the Senators & Representatives from this State

Executive Department
Madison Wisconsin
Feby. 17. 1854

James Lankton Esq
Oshkosh Wis:

Sir

Your letter of the 14th inst. addressed to His Excellency Governor Barstow in relation to the purchase by you of a tract of land of the improvement Company, is just at hand.

I am instructed to inform you that as all the rights of this State to the grant of land for the Improvement of the F. & Wis rivers, have conveyed to Messrs. Martin, Darling & others, composing the present Improvement Company; you should apply to them to correct any errors, which may have been made in the disposition of the land to, which you allude

Yours &c
G. P. Delaplaine
P. Secretary

Executive Department
Madison. Wisconsin
Sept 30. 1854

A. D. Bonesteel Esq.

Sir

Yours of the 20th Inst is at hand— Sec 111. p. 109 R. S. points out the time when the County Treasurer shall pay over all monies collected by him to the State Treasurer It is fixed also by Sec. 84 page 157 on the second Monday of February in each year, If the County Treasurer of Fond du Lac retains in his hands now any fines penalties, or forfeitures which he should have have paid last February to the State Treasurer he is liable to indictment for Embezzlement as well as to a suit by you to recover the money

Respy. Yours
E. M. Hunter
P Secretary

Executive Department
Madison March 29, 1856

To Genl. John McA. Gammon

Sir

You will please take notice that your appointment & Commission as Adjutant General of the Wisconsin Militia has been this day revoked

By order of the Governor Coles Bashford

By B. F. Hopkins
Private Secty.

Executive Department
Madison April 1st 1856

[illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible] for a Commission as Adjutant General of the State, I have [illegible] not taken possession to the date, you are [illegible], under the [illegible] orders in advance, the first [illegible] being [illegible]

I am Sir
With much respect
Your Obt. Servant
B. F. Hopkins
Private Secty.

Executive Department
Madison April 30th 1856

Geo. L. Lee

Sir

You will please take notice that your appointment as County Judge of the County of Manitowoc State of Wisconsin has been this day revoked

By the Governor
Coles Bashford

Executive Department
January 11 1857

R. L. Read Esq
Sir

You are hereby notified that your appointment as Agent to Collect "Fines Forfeitures & Penalties" remaining in the hands of Justices of the Peace, has been this day revoked by order of the Governor"

Coles Bashford

By
R. F. Hopkins
P Secretary